Britain stops live animal exports

French lorry blockade to last into weekend

FROM SEAN MACCARTHAIGH IN PARIS AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

AT LEAST 2,000 British lorry drivers and thou-sands of motorists were gridiocked on more than 100 French main roads last night as the protest by French hauliers looked set to continue through the weekend.

The ministry of agriculture announced that live animal exports from Britain to France had been suspended because of the dispute to protext; the welfare of animals. The "short-term, urgent" acmer, the agriculture minister. applies to all animals sent to or passing through France, which covers almost all live exports. All such exports need a ministry licence.

The French blockade also caused a knock-on effect within the British motor industry. Peugeot announced that 2,000 British production workers would be laid off on full pay until Monday be-

Baby dies at playgroup

A six-month-old girl was found with fatal head injuries after being left alone for a few minutes in a deserted room at a playgroup. Police investigating the death say they do not know whether her pushchair was tipped over accidentally by another child or if she was deliber-

Interest cut

The American authorities have cut interest rates to their lowest point since 1963, after unexpectedly bad unemployment figures prompted fears of continuing recession. On foreign

Empty coffers

The bankrupt government of California is paying bills with IOUs because the governor and legislature can-not agree how to balance the state budget ... Page 13

Last look

A boy of six saw his parents for the last time in an operating theatre at St Bartholomew's hospital before undergoing an operation for cancer that will leavePage 3 him blind.....

Algerian chief

Ali Kafi has been named as Algeria's president by the High Council of State in Algiers, where official assertions that President Boudiaf was assassinated by a lone Islamic killer are being countered by rumours that he was the victim of an intricate conspiracy......Page 13

Best seller

Stephen Hawking has bro-ken another record with his book A Brief History of Time, which has now been in the top ten for 184 weeks. surpassing Edith Holden's
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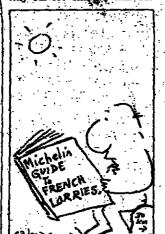


cause the car firm had not received parts from France. Last night's shift and today's day shift at Peugeot's two Coventry assembly plants were told to stay at home in a move which will cost the company £4 million and lose production of 500 cars. In France, more than 12,000 workers at the Peugeot fac-tory in Montbeliard are also temporarily out of work

because of a parts shortage.
While criticism mounted about the way in which the French authorities are handling the protest, a number of British drivers told the Freight Transport Associ-ation that they had been hared into blockades by the action of amorouse soll attendants and that they also suspect collusion between French drivers and gendarmes. A spokesman for the associ-ation said: "We have had uncorroborated reports that British trucks have been stopped by police and told to wait, only for French trucks to arrive minutes later to block them in. At best there's not much being done by the French to rectify the situa-tion. It makes a nonsense of

the single market." The association called on the French government to broadcast English language traffic reports on national radio and asked the Europe-

an Commission to intervene. The one bright spot of the weary Bruish hondaymakers. trapped for four days in sweltering temperatures by militanz lorry driver at a motor-way service station, was set



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Thatcher rebuked over Maastricht

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major last night set out to save the Maastricht treaty, hitting back at Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven by telling MPs that Britain had to be at the centre shaping the kind of Europe it wanted and warning that it would be "devastating" for Britain to divorce itself from the EC.

He warned his party not to blame everything it did not like about Europe on Maas-tricht, arguing that monetary and political union and majority voting had been around long before December's treaty. "I do not want us to be a little England, impoverished, devoid of influence, sour in isolation, bereft of hope, lang-

By Philip Webster

DENNIS Skinner finally went quietly last night after being ordered from the Commons for calling the agriculture minister. John Gummer, "a little

squirt".
Mr Skinner, MP for Bolsover and

Labour's best-known Tory-baiter, gave

Betty Boothroyd her first serious test

since becoming Commons Speaker on April 27. There was much doubt over whether the word "squirt" constitutes an unparliamentary term, but she successfully true to the challenge After

an unparliamentary term, but she successfully rose to the challenge. After much haggling with her erstwhile colleague, she forced him to leave the floor. That, however, was only the beginning of the story. Mr Skinner, under the impression that he had been asked only to leave the chamber for the day and not the Palace of Westminster, sought the sanctuary of the Commons tea room.

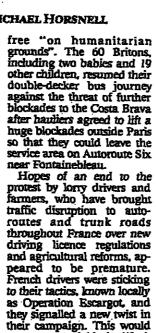
uishing either on the sidelines of the EC or of history." His end-of-term address to Tory MPs in the 1922 Committee came within two hours of a stark warning from Lady Thatcher that she would fight the bill clause by clause in the

Lords. She accused ministers

of being seduced into conces-

sions by spending too much time talking to their Continental counterparts. Mr Major sought to bridge the Tory gap by insisting that Continued on page 18, col 5

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unobtainable across the country.
"We're changing our strategies," one driver explained.
"We know we can't seal off the autoroutes for a long period of time, so we'll stop all traffic by making them run out of petrol."

see some road blocks lifted,

but they would ensure that petrol and diesel would be

Meanwhile, Bérégovoy's government an-nounced that the cause of the dispute, the new points penal-ty system, would stay, but he added that he was willing to negotiate and compromise with the drivers. "The disc that records how long drivers have been working, and how fast the truck has travelled will not be taken into account under the points system," he

Even as M Beregovoy spoke, lorry drivers tried to surround and seal off the main petrol distribution centres in the Paris region, cutting the supply to filling stations across the country. In Lyons, where blockades continued around the city, ga-rage owners said that they were already down to their last 10 per cent of normal

Relief in sight for Shake-up at Lloyd's stricken Sarajevo on the way FROM JOHN HOLLAND IN SARAJEVO

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE suffering of the people of Saraievo, victims of a fourmonth-old war, came closer to an end yesterday when hundreds of United Nations peackeeping troops reached the city's airport and a Norwegian plane touched down

By Jon Ashworth

TWO severely critical reports

published yesterday on the future of Lloyd's of London

herald the most sweeping re-

forms in the insurance mar-

Lloyd's, which is experienc-

1980s, is to be completely

restructured in an attempt to

get rid of outdated practices. But the reforms are too late to

take over day-to-day control.

on high-risk syndicates.

But Miss Boothroyd had told him to leave "the House". According to the

Commons authorities, this meant the

precincts of the palace. The serjeant at

arms, responsible for enforcing the Speaker's order, sent security officers to the tea room, where they waited at

length for Mr Skinner, who was calmly

drinking his tea inside. The assistant serjeant paced up and down awaiting "clarification." Mr Skinner agreed to

leave the Commons after being shown a

Miss Boothroyd, who has impressed MPs with her firm handling of parlia-mentary business, had found herself in

conflict with an old adversary. In another life she was often on the other

side of the divide on Labour's national executive when Mr Skinner, a fiery leftwinger, was taking on the moderates.

She acted after Mr Skinner com-

plained that families in his constituency suffered six times the normal level of

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ket's 300-year history.

Sound of victory: John McEnroe exchanges grunts for a shout of triumph

with 15 tons of supplies.

More than 350 UN troops ing heavy losses in the wake of a string of disasters in the late arrived at the airport, but a further 400 were stranded outside the city limits as Bosnian-Serb militias inspected every UN vehicle. help as many as 5,000 names

The first British plane, an facine losses averaging RAF Hercules, arrived with £100,000 after being caught relief supplies for the stricken Under proposals put for-ward by Sir Jeremy Morse in the first report, a much re-duced Lloyd's council will city, but was unable to proceed to Sarajevo from Zagreb. the Croatian capital. As efforts were stepped up to deliver supplies to the besieged capital of Bosnia-Herzegovimake way for two new executive bodies to regulate and run the market. The hunt is on for a new figurehead to na. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, announced that he would visit the former In the second report, on Sir David Walker's enquiry into alleged fraud at Lloyd's, he Yugoslav republics the week after next to assess recent developments. He told MPs finds no evidence of malpracthat the priority was to provide humanitarian aid and tice. But he is highly critical of emphasised that Britain incompetent practices which include a failure to prevent

would not commit ground forces to the region. names gambling everything The Bush administration also announced that its first relief flights for Sarajevo Spiral of loss, page 2f would take off from Germany Comment, page 23 | today, but a spokesman for

> dioxin and that the government was refusing compensation to the farmers for loss of milk yield. The agriculture

> minister should set up a public enquiry.

he said. "Settle the matter and ensure that the people of Bolsover are able to lay their complaints at the door where

they really belong - this government and this little squirt of a minister."

Skinner to withdraw the phrase. Mr Skinner said he knew Erskine May (the

parliamentary rule book) and the phrase

was not banned. The Speaker comment-

ed: "I am well aware that the remark is not in Erskine May, but I do believe

there is a vocabulary which should not

The last word went, as usual, to Mr Skinner. Before taking an early night, he said of Miss Boothroyd: "She was

wrong, it was not unparliamentary. Lots

of Tories call lots of Labour people

be used in this house.

worse things than that."

Miss Boothroyd pleaded with Mr

the Pentagon added that the seven warships sent to the Adriatic on Monday would be withdrawn for July 4 celebrations in the Mediterranean. The ships, sent as a warning to the Serbs that aggression against Bosnians must end, may be redeployed

in the region. In London, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said that the UN would send 1,500 French. Egyptian and Ukrainian troops to the airport so that the Canadian troops now guarding it could return to peacekeeping roles in Croaria. The troops, symbolically representing the three religious communities in Bosnia.

will arrive shortly.

Dr Bourros Ghali was in London for talks with Lord Carrington, head of the European Community's peace mission who will fly to Saraje-vo today. He said that the leaders of the Serb, Croat and Muslim forces had agreed to discuss a resumption of peace talks with him.

In Sarajevo yesterday, emotions ranged from despair to exhilaration. People were Continued on page 18, col 1

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Skinner: took refuge in Commons tea room

Don't pick on me what about McEnroe? wails Seles

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE great grunting war rumbled on yesterday as Monica Seles survived two warnings from the umpire in the semi-final at Wimbledon yesterday. Seles, the No 1 seed from Yugoslavia, said: 'They picked on me three years ago and it's always been the same here."

Asked if it was unfair that she was singled out when John McEnroe and Andre Agassi both arguably scored higher on the gruntometer, she replied: I think it's unfair because there are a lot of other players who do distractions in the match also.

Seles was speaking after defeating Martina Navratilova 6-2, 6-7, 6-4 to qualify for tomorrow's singles inal against the German Steffi Graf. Navratilova, nine times champion, protested twice to umpire Fran Mc-Dowell about the noise Seles was making as she hit the ball. The American did not blame her defeat on the grunting but said that the noise prevented her hearing the ball being hit and affected her judgment of the stroke. "If you judge by the noise that is emanating from the other side of the court the ball should be coming over pretty hard. Sometimes it does: sometimes it doesn't.

Seles, holder of the Australian and French titles, said that it was not pleasant for her "always to concentrate on the grunting issue or thinking: 'Will the umpire say something now?' Graf, who defeated Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina 6-3, 6-3, said that the noise Seles made had always been an issue but this was the first time the umpires had reacted to it. She was not certain whether she would complain if it occurred in the final. The other men's semifinal today will be between Pete Sampras of the United States and Goram Ivanisevic

Aamer Sohail, the Pakistani opening batsman, scored a double century on the first day of the third Test against England at Old Trafford yesterday to put Pakistan in command at 388 for three at

France whose manager Michel Platini resigned yesterday, will stage the 1998 World Football Cup.

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Poles plotted to kidnap and beat up Hess

in wartime Britain plotted a raid on the secret "Camp Z" where Rudolf Hess was being held, the latest unclassified papers released by the Public Record Office show. The plot was uncovered by British intelligence.

Camp Z was Mytchett Place in Farnborough, Hampshire, surrounded by barbed wire and protected by armed guards. The Polish plot was to kidnap Hess, Hit-ler's deputy, and beat him up in revenge for Germany's "ravaging" of Poland.

The second and last batch of Hess papers to be released underline the fears of those responsible for him that the tight security and secrecy surrounding his arrival and detention in Britain might be breached.

In a letter dated May 30 1942, Major Loxley, private secretary to Sir Anthony secretary at the Foreign Of-

Unclassified war papers show how the unexpected arrival of Hitler's deputy unnerved his captors, Michael Evans writes

fice, expressed his concern at the size of the guard at Camp Z "We have more than once had evidence that certain members of the allied forces stationed in this country were hatching a scheme to raid the camp and kidnap the prisoner," he wrote. Another letter dated two days earlier from an official identified only by his initials refers to a scheme to break into the camp "and

to beat up our prisoner. The rumours of a plot had been circulating for a long time, after Hess's dramatic flight to Scotland in June 1941. A letter from the War Office to the Foreign Office in July 1941 reveals that the intelligence services had been investigating the rumours and had discovered the exis-tence of a Polish plot. The War Office letter asks if Sir

Stewart Menzies, chief of M16, could be told to "get the Security Service (MI5) to keep an eye on the conspirators as far as possible". Concern about Hess's safe-

ty is expressed in dramatic language in a letter from the War Office to Cadogan: Would it be wise or not to let him [Hess] know ... that all the barbed wire, sentries, motorbicycles, aeroplanes etc are for his personal protection, and most certainly not directed against him ... we have in this country many people from the countries he and his Führer have ravaged. whose greatest desire is to

tear him to bits! The authorities believed that the Polish plotters were ignorant of the whereabouts of Camp Z. However, several reports highlight the case of

"a mysterious, loitering man", who rode by the camp on his bicycle, apparently showing undue interest. He was stopped and questioned. "His explanation to various questions we regarded as not satisfactory," one document

Hess, too, feared for his life. At one point, he asked for a gun "for self-defence", al-though he admitted that he would use it to shoot himself. He was told that "the British government was very short of guns at present". Hess's mental state domi-

nates much of the released records. The government's stated view was that Hess was "at all relevant times responsible for his actions and is also certainly able at the moment to plead in a court of law".

On that basis, Hess was sent to Nuremburg for trial as a war criminal. Had he been certified as insane during his detention in Britain, the government would have come



Menzies: MI6 head urged to watch plotters under pressure from Berlin to repatriate him under the Geneva Convention. Yet the psychiatrists dealing with him at Camp Z were con-vinced that he had a permanent mental disorder. A report by J R Rees. army consultant psychiatrist, concluded that, if he had been a civilian, he would have been

certified. During one of his "elated moods", Hess talked of "grandiose plans" to build homes in Scotland, Sussex and Germany.

The secrecy over his arrival in Britain is highlighted by the government's indecision over how best to exploit his case. Eventually a "whisper propaganda" campaign was launched to keep the Germans guessing about what he

☐ The Public Record Office is considering the introduc-tion of admission charges to boost its revenues. Search charges may also be charged at its branches in Kew, southwest London, and Chancery Lane, central London, as part of a five-year plan to improve its service and running. The office already charges

for photocopying and other specialist services. It abandoned search fees in the late 1950s because the system cost more to administer than

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thames Water gave £50,000 to Tories

Thames Water, privatised two and a half years ago, paid £50,000 to the Conservative party just before the election to try to help the party to victory, according to the latest report

and accounts (Martin Waller writes).

The payment is believed to be the first such notified by any of the recently-privatised unlines which have been in the headlines recently for high profits and rising executive pay packages. Ann Taylor, shadow minister for environmental protection, whose brief includes the water industry, said that the payment was insensitive at a time when Thames Water customers are ferring record pairs increases and the threat of customers are facing record price increases and the threat of

customers are racing record price increases and the interaction compulsory domestic metering.

Sir Roy Watts, the recently-knighted chairman of Thames Water, tells shareholders in the accounts the board considered that the return of a Conservative government was in the interest of the company and its shareholders. Such political payments are legally required to be notified to the method does in the account. The Thomas hours was shareholders in the annual report. The Thames board was unavailable for comment. Last mouth Thames Water announced an 11 per cent rise in profits, to £236 million.

Security guard killed

A security guard died in hospital yesterday after being shot in the head while collecting cash from the town hall at Farnworth, near Bohon, Lancashire. Police said that they were seeking two raiders whom they described as armed and dangerous. The raiders attacked as the security guard, who worked for Armaguard, was leaving the town hall. One escaped on foot, the other on a motor cycle, avoiding strength by the guard's collegues to your the whirle with attempts by the guard's colleagues to ram the vehicle with their security van. Police scaled off the area and called in a helicopter to help in the hunt for the men. The identity of the dead man was not being released until relatives had been

Blair and Brown stand

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, the leading talents in Labour's younger generation, are to stand for election to the party's national executive in a move that could mean the biggest shakeup for years in the party's high command. They will join Neil Kinnock, soon to stand down as leader, in vying for places on the party's ruling body. They will together work for the process of modernising policies and organisation begun under Mr Kinnock to carry on under John Smith Mr Smith and Mr Finnock are mader John Smith. Mr Smith and Mr Kinnock are aware of their decision to stand and welcome the move. Mr Brown is expected to become shadow chancellor in Mr Smith's new line-up and Mr Blair shadow home secretary.

Job offer 'suspicious'

The father and boy friend of Lynne Rogers told Lewes Crown Court that they had been worned about the bogus job interview that lured her to her death. Derek Rogers said he told her that he was "very concerned" and that the offer "didn't sound right". Spencer Clark said that he was "very suspicious" and urged her to take care. Mr Clark, 25, a telephone sales supervisor from Beckenham, Kent, told the jury that the prospect of a £14,000-a-year job had clouded Lynne's judgment. Her previous salary was £5,000. Miss Rogers, 17. of Catford, southeast London, disappeared after going to the interview. Her strangled body was found five days later, near Rotherfield, East Sussex. Wayne Scott Singleton, 36, of Crawley, West Sussex, denies murder.

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Ex-MEP can be tried

A judge who refused to try the former Messeyside East Euro-MP Leslie Huckfield on charges of dishonestly claiming parliamentary expenses was overruled by the High Court yesterday. Mr Justice Modand had said at Manchester prosecution against Mr Huckfield, 50, and two codefendants would infringe the European Parliament's sovereignty. Yesterday Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Pill ruled: "Member states are entitled to prosecute an MEP, or former MEP, for criminal offences of obtaining by dishonesty expenses from the Parliament." Later Mr Huckfield, who was accused of obtaining by deception a cheque for £1,522, said: "I have now asked my solicitors to apply to seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords."

Injured clerk sacked

Jill Naylor, Gateshead town council clerk, was seen on television by colleagues with Fred Bramwell, 44, her councillor lover, at the Labour party conference in Brighton last October, while she was on sick leave, a tribunal was told yesterday. Mrs Naylor, 26, a divorcee, spent four nights at social evenings 400 miles from home after telling housing department managers she was recovering from whiplash injuries received in a car crash. She used a letter from John McWilliam, Labour MP for Blaydon, to try to keep her £8,000-a-year job. He said that he believed it was better for her to stay in Brighton recovering from the accident rather than stay at home where she could be harassed by her former husband. Mrs Naylor, of Swalwell, Gareshead, Tyne & Wear, claims unfair dismissal. The hearing continues.

Half-price house sale



Seventy houses are to be sold at nearly half-price. The former RAF homes, above, will be priced from about £18,000 in what estate agents hope will be a swift sale starting in the next few weeks. The houses, on the former RAF camp at North Cotes, Lincolnshire, all have new roofs, uPvc doubleglazing and central heating. Most have three bedrooms. The average price for a three-bedroom house in the area is £32,000. The RAF has sold the base to a firm that is developing it as a small village. Roy Amour, chairman of the Royal Air Forces' Association in Hull, condemned the sale, saying that former airmen should be given the chance to buy the houses first.

Chess teams square up

Truro School and Nottingham High School won the semi-finals of *The Times* British Schools Chess Championship yesterday. Truro defeated the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, by 3½ points to 2½, at the Charing Cross Hotel, central London. Nottingham defeated the City of London School by 4 points to 2. The Size I will roke place of London School by 4 points to 2. The final will take place at the hotel this afternoon and spectators are welcome. The championship has been a training ground for such grandmasters as Nigel Short, Jon Speelman and Julian

Swedes jail fans

Four England soccer supporters were jailed by Swedish courts yesterday for offences including assault, theft and incitement to riot during the European championships. Garry Swain, 37, of Leicester, was jailed for six months for assault and Kevin Soutsby, 24, also of Leicester, for one. month for an empted assault. The other two were not named.

Neil Goodwin, 24, of Letchworth, Henfordshire, were on trial accused of starting a riot at a beer tent in Malmo.

Murdered men were informers says IRA

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE IRA yesterday tried to justify the murder of three of its members by accusing them of having been MI5 and RUC special branch informers and having taken part in the murder of a

Portadown woman. The bodies of the three men, named by the group as Aiden Starrs, John Dignam and Gregory Burns, all from Portadown, were being recovered by the army from separate roadsides in south Armagh, where they were dumped on Wednesday

night.
They disappeared from days ago their homes several days ago and were found hooded, partially clothed, bruised from beatings, and shot in the back of the head

The killings, the first in Northern Ireland for eight weeks, were widely condemned by politicians in Britain and Ireland, including by John Major and Albert Revnolds, the Irish prime minister.

Mr Major, who yesterday welcomed the recent breakthrough in the Stormont talks, told the Commons that the discovery of the bodies and the admission of responsibility for their deaths by the IRA, "demonstrates yet again the true nature of terrorism". In Northern Ireland, Seamus Mallon, the SDLP MP for Newry and Armagh, said that the killings were barba-

rous and obscene. In explaining why the men were killed, the IRA issued an unusually detailed statement to a Belfast journalist, saying that two of the murdered men had worked as informers for RUC special branch and one for military intelligence. The

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group said that all three were involved in the murder of Margaret Perry, 26, who disappeared from her home in Portadown, co. Armagh, more than a year ago and whose body was found in a shallow grave in co. Sligo on Wednesday. The discovery was made after police in the Irish republic were tipped off by the IRA through an

intermediary. The statement said that Miss Perry, who is believed to have had a relationship with Burns had been killed because they feared she would expose their activities to other members of the IRA. It also said the men had initially come under suspicion in the autumn of 1990, because of their alleged involvement in

racketeering and extortion. According to reports in Belfast yesterday Starrs, 29, was sentenced in 1983 to eigh years for possession of explosives. Dignam, 32, was sentenced to 12 years in 1980 for causing an explosion, possession of a firearm and wounding with intent.

Burns had no terrorist convictions. He was a brother of Sean Burns who was shot dead in 1982 by police near Lurgan, co. Armagh, in an incident later investigated by John Stalker the former Deputy Chief Constable of Manchester, which became known as the "shoot to kill affair'

The IRA said that Burns had assisted MI5 since 1979 and had even supplied information to the security forces about the movements of his brother prior to his death. They said he was paid £200 a month to supply information.

Ulster talks 'doomed'

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE talks on the future of Northern Ireland were doomed to fail and were encouraging the IRA in its campaign of violence, a Friends of the Union meeting was told last night.

Twenty-four hours after Unionist leaders agreed to talk with the Irish govern-ment, Conor Cruise O'Brien dismissed the initiative as a hopeless venture because the objectives of unionists and nationalists were opposed and incompatible.

He said the talks had continued for such a long time only because each side was manoeuvring to ensure that the blame for their inevitable breakdown would rest on the other. "These talks, which are supposed to be part of a peace process, are actually damag-ing to the prospects for peace. The assiduity with which the British government has promoted and sustained these unprofitable talks is sending the most undesirable of all possible messages to the IRA. That message is that the British government is desperately anxious to rid itself of North-

ern Ireland". Dr Cruise O'Brien, who was giving the second lan Gow Memorial Lecture, said that government policy encouraged the IRA to keep up



French blockade makes stiff upper-lip tremble with rage

Gallic temperaments that had initially lured Alan Gordon to France for his holiday

had, by yesterday, worn thin. Driving onto English soil after a delay of two days spent weaving a tortuous route around lorry blockades, he was infuriated by French behaviour and the impotence of the police.

These routiers are the

most cynical lot I have ever

come across," he said. "It was

pure anarchy. They were utterly indiscriminate in their blockades and the whole region was simply paralysed." For him and his wife, Patsy. the journey from Dover to their home in Northumberland would be in stark contrast to the drive from the south of France. "They were everywhere, simply choking the heart out of every village. The police can do nothing. I felt heart-sick and angry for people stuck with children."

As exhausted holidaymakers returned yesterday, some of them days late, the extent of the lorry drivers' action

holiday ideas

Despite warnings, holiday-makers are still heading across the Channel for France, writes

Lin Jenkins became clear. Most towns and many villages were blocked, leaving a gap for one

car to pass through at a time. The British stiff upper-lip had given way to direct action in at least one town. Angered by the delays, a group of British motorists, with the help of some Belgians, blocked the road, to the frustration of the French. "It took two hours, but they got the mess-age and relented." Mr Gor-

don said. Coach loads of tired package tourists arriving from Spain and harassed-looking parents with fractious children were all in less than holiday mood reaching Dover. Brian Kell, from Newcastle upon Tyne, was two and a half days late returning from the Costa Brava. "We missed

stops as the driver routed us through the villages and over the mountains to avoid get-

ting stuck. It was awful." In spite of the warnings, many people were still head-ing across the Channel yesterday, full of hope. There were no notices at Dover or information concerning likely delays in France.

Ian Roxburgh, his wife and three daughters left Newcastle upon Tyne unaware of the trouble. By the time they reached Dover, they knew. They're a bunch of anarchists and it's time we booted them out of the Common Market," he said.

With 44,000 passengers a day passing through Dover, the harbour board said it was unable to tell whether the French trouble had stopped people sailing. Normally just over 30 per cent of traffic is unbooked and yesterday there was plenty of activity at the sales counters.

Stranded parts shut car factory

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PEUGEOT'S car factory at Coventry was shut down last night as components were stranded on trucks in France. More than 2.000 workers have been laid off and the factory at Ryton will not reopen until Monday, providing supplies get through over the weekend.

Production of more than 500 cars worth £4.5 million at showroom prices will be lost, although assembly line workers will be paid for their extra day off today. Most of the cars made at Ryton are exported to France.

The company is also a victim of its own efficiency, having adopted Japanese-style assembly procedures of "just in time" delivery. No stocks of components are kept on the factory floor as in the past. Paris are ordered as they are needed, for delivery in time for final assembly.

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By Lucy Rock ☐ The AA advises drivers to keep off main routes and stick to "D" roads to avoid the worst of the blockades by farmers and lorry drivers. Disruption is still likely, so allow plenty of time. Suburbs of Paris, Lille, Lyons, Tou-louse and Bordeaux are badly affected, as is the A26 between Calais and Paris. Petrol is scarce in some areas. especially the Rhone valley. Ring the AA advice line on



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FLIGHTS

☐ Air France and BA advise those flying to Charles de Gaulle airport to take the RER fast train to central Paris, not the coach. Air UK has plenty of space over the weekend to Paris from Stansted, Leeds, Newcastle and Aberdeen. Air France reports heavy bookings to

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RATES

and all day Sunday.

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time programme next Thurs-

day, July 9, at 6.50pm.

Paris Travel Service is offering trips to Paris on its Seacat Rail Express, plus two nights' accommodation, for £85 per person. Thomas Cook, with Eurosites, has two-week camping holidays for £439 for up to six people in west Brittany.

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Toddler at playgroup may have killed baby

POLICE were last night investigating the death of a six-month-old girl found with severe head injuries at a

playgroup.
The child was discovered lying by her upturned push-chair yesterday morning. One line of enquiry is that she may have been tipped out by another child. However, police have not ruled out any possibility, including foul

play. Susan Willard, wife of a committee member at the Oldbrook Centre, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, where the accident hap-pened, said that she had been told it was possible that another child may have been

responsible.
"I received a call from another member of the centre committee who told me that the baby had been left alone in another room. He said it may have been possible that a four-year-old child could have escaped from the main play area and pulled the baby

Boy takes last look at parents

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A BOY aged six gazed at his mother's face for the last time yesterday before un-dergoing an operation for cancer which will leave him

Doctors at St Bartholomew's Hospital, central London, allowed John and Susan Killen into the operating theatre so that their ating theatre so that their son Nicholas could see them before going under the anaesthetic. Surgeons operated to removera tumour known as a retinocancer of the retina.

Nicholas had an operation three years ago to remove his left eye and doctors put off surgery to remove the second for as long as possible. He has had 22 sessions of radiotherapy and six courses of chemotherapy but the treatment failed to work.

Retinoblastoma affects 40 children a year, most under the age of five, but the treatment has a high success rate if started early. Sufferers lose both eyes in only very rare

Nicholas's friends gave him a boost before his sur-gery by helping him gain awards with his beaver church group in record time, so he could see his badges. Members of the badges. Members of the group, the Shipley Baptists Beaver Troop in West York-shire, helped him learn to bake, sew and make models in seven weeks instead of the normal nine months.

At their home in Saltaire, near Bradford, his sister
Beverley, 17, the oldest of
eight children, said: "He
has been really brave. He's
not complained at all." Nicholas was cheerful before the operation, joking that "at least the sun won't

from her pram," she said. The child's mother is a helper at the group, which provides day care for 20 children aged between three and five. The sleeping child was wheeled in her pushchair into an uncarpeted room ad-joining the play rooms and left there while her mother joined five other women looking after the children.

Detectives were told that the mother, whom police refuse to name, checked on her daughter shortly before 11.30am and saw that she was sleeping quietly. Min-utes later, one of the four fulltime staff went into the room and found the baby lying on the floor with severe head injuries. No one had heard any cries or seen anything suspicious. There was no sign

The baby was taken to Milton Keynes general hospital, but was certified dead shortly after her arrival. A postmortem examination showed that her skull had been fractured. An inquest will be opened on Monday.

The man heading the investigation, Det Supt John Bound, said: This is a particularly delicate and sensitive enquiry. I am keeping a totally open mind at this stage as to the circumstances of this ballot does her to the circumstances of this baby's death. It could be an accident or it could be somebody has caused it." He said that the girl's parents were "extremely traumatised" and that the mother had been receiving medical treatment.

One officer involved in the case said: "The baby girl's parents, who also have a boy aged four and a daughter aged two, are in a dreadful state. We have had to interview them about the death. So far we have not spoken to the child who is thought to have caused the death."

Council said that the playgroup, which has been operating for nine years, was



Navy lark: Roedean sixth formers Lisa Benefield, left, head girl Penny Tapp, centre, and Nicola Dennes preparing for a helicopter flight back to school after a day out on HMS Andromeda. They joined the frigate at Portsmouth and sailed to Brighton

Britain blocks attempt to lift ban on whaling

By DAVID YOUNG

tainly ensured that the ban on commercial whaling will stay in force for at least another

A proposal (IWC) at the International Whaling Con-ference in Glasgow to adopt a new revised management plan (RMP), which uses a series of complex computer calculations and which would allow tightly controlled com-mercial whaling, will not be supported by Britain. John Gummer, the agricul-

ture and fishing minister, was criticised by Japanese whaling interests yesterday for breaking with tradition and giving a highly political open-ing address. The British deci-Buckinghamshire County sion, taken because the RMP does not introduce new methods of humane killing of whales which Mr Gummer

says must be developed. means it is unlikely that the proposal will be put to a vote, but sent back to IWC scientifadvisers for further work. There is little chance of

IWC scientists proposing an acceptable humame method of killing whales for the issue to be put to the IWC today.
This means that the ban on commercial killing introduced in 1986 will continue. The decision will disappoint Norway and Japan who had hoped to be allowed permits to hunt for the smaller Minke whale under a tighly con-

trolled quota system. Norway has already said that it will restart whale hunting next year and could leave the IWC. There is pressure in Japan for its whaling industry to adopt a similar line to Norway, but the threat of international trade sanctions being imposed against countries which ignore IWC rules. and the ultimate involvement of the United Nations, is likely to mean that Japan will work within the IWC to have the rules changed. The UN stepped into the environmen-tal dispute over the use of long drift nets a year ago and forced many countries to con-

trol their use.

Norway, Iceland and the Faroe Islands have formed the North Atlantic Marine Mammals Commission, a rival organisation to the IWC. Japan plans to attend its first meeting in September at Torshavn, the capital of the Facroes, as observers and environmentalists fear it will not be long before Japan joins and begins hunting in the North Atlantic

Woman staged bogus kidnap

A WOMAN pretended that she had been kidnapped and demanded a £25,000 ransom from her family, sending them a message that she would be raped and murdered if the money was not

Naheed Ahmed, a shop assistant aged 25, planned the blackmail scheme with her friend Syed Ali, a married man aged 42. She wanted to punish her family for forcing her to end her two-year relationship with him, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Ahmed, of Alperton, northwest London, and Ali, a jeweller of Harrow Weald, northwest London, admitted conspiring to blackmail in February this year. Ahmed was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment suspended for two years and put on probation. Ali was sentenced to 15 months' impris-

onment, also suspended for two years, and fined £10,000. Ahmed's mother, a widow, received the threat that her daughter would be raped and murdered in a telephone call. Mark Dennis, prosecuting, told the court. He said that the couple had hired a friend to make calls. The mother was told that her daughter's fingers would be cut off one by one and posted to her if she did not hand over the money.

All the time Ms Ahmed was unharmed and in hiding. The couple abandoned the blackmail plot and she came out of hiding when they found out that the police had

been called in.
Ahmed said that she had been blindfolded and kept in a bare room without any food for two days. She scratched her arms to make her allegations more credible. but police did not believe her story and she confessed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drink-drive mother is jailed

A mother was jailed for 28 days yesterday after being involved in a car accident while more than four times over the legal alcohol limit.

Kathleen Pickering, 31, had been driving her two children to school at the time of the crash, Camberwell Magistrates' Court, southeast London, was told.

Timothy Davidson, the stipendiary magistrate, told Pickering that she was a lethal risk to the public. A breath sample showed an alcohol content of 152 micrograms — the permitted level is 35 micrograms.

35 micrograms.
Pickering, of West Dul-wich, south-east London, a senior administrator with Lambeth council, admined driving while under the influence of excess alcohol. She was banned from driving for three years.

Longer lives

Average male life expectancy has risen from 68 to 72 years since 1970, according to the figures from the Central Statistical Office. The figure for women has risen from 75 to 78. Twenty years ago, women outnumbered men by 1.6 million. By 1990, the difference had fallen to 1.4 million. The overall population grew by 1.8 million.

Whisky galore

More people buy whisky in off-licences than any other alcoholic drink, according to a survey by the trade magazine Checkout. The five top-selling brands are Bell's whisky, Gordon's gin. Smirnoff vodka, Farnous Grouse whisky and Teacher's whisky. Wines are well down the list, not being generally bought by brand name and more likely to be purchased at supermarkets or other outlets.

Snuff box theft

Five collections of snuff boxes have been stolen from English collections in the past six months, lending weight to the theory that a "Mr Big", a crooked collector who instructs thieves to steal to order, exists. More than 400 boxes worth about £350,000 have been stolen. The latest theft, on June 20, was of 151 snuff boxes valued at £60,000, from Torre Abbey museum, Torquay.

Crime figures to be released less often to reduce fear

By Richard Ford, Home correspondent

THE government is to end publication of quarterly crime figures as part of a series of measures to provide the pub-lic with a better guide to the spread and intensity of crime. In future, statistics on

crime will be released every six months in a Home Office publication providing more details of regional variations, trends and a written summary which will try to analyse the figures. Each six monthly bulletin of figures gathered from the 43 police forces in England and Wales will contain a comparison with crime statistics in foreign countries, particularly in the EC.

The British Crime Survey. based on the public's actual experience of crime, is to be conducted every two years and Home Office ministers would like the study, based on public-opinion polling, to become an annual exercise.

Michael Jack, a Home Office minister, said the half yearly bulletin would provide more information. "It should

go some way to reduce the considerable and untoward fear of crime amongst the public generated by the current quarterly publication," he told MPs in a written

Commons answer. The first six monthly publication of crime figures with analysis and comparisons will coincide with the release in the autumn of the latest British Crime Survey based on interviews with 12,000 people earlier this year. Ministers have been under

pressure to stop the publication of quarterly crime figures since a Home Office working party on Fear of Crime, chaired by Michael Grade, recommended more than two years ago that they should be released every six months. The report aimed to encourage a more considered debate on crime and wanted to reduce the opportunity for sensational headlines that contributed little to understanding the facts of crime. Mr Grade said that the

government's announcement greater public understanding of what lay behind bald crime statistics. The existing frequency of publicity has been counterproductive, offering some of the media seemingly irresponsible opportunities to scaremonger and create unnecessary fear," he said.

Senior police officers, who had become embarrassed by the figures, welcomed Mr Jack's decision but called for the British Crime Survey to be an annual exercise and for greater categorisation of crimes. Albert Pacey, chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' crime committee, said it was nonsense that the theft of a bottle of milk was given the same

weight as a serious robbery. Barry Sheerman, an Opposition spokesman, criticised the decision and said the government was trying to con-ceal the high level of crime.

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Fairbairn puts himself in firing line

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Nicholas Fairbairn, the Scottish Tory MP whose colourful language is matched only by his home-made tartan suits, caused uproar yesterday by branding Edwina Currie a hag and likening Westminster's 60 women MPs to a Soviet fir-

ing squad.
Sir Nicholas, who resigned as a Scottish law officer in 1982 after injudicious remarks on a rape case. turaged his female colleagues in a lengthy dissertation on love, life and immigration policy in the latest edition of The Spectator.

The twice married MP for Perth and Kinross scorned the Christian values of monogamy and fidelity and sug-gested that polygamy and harems would be more congenial. He bemoaned living in what he called a prim and priggish age that did not allow for infidelity, especially for those in public life. Reports that one of his

girliriends tried to hang herself outside his London flat in 1981 had been a gross exaggeration made up by a vindictive Tory MP.

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However, it was his Commons talent-spotting that provoked the biggest outcry.

Mrs Currie preserved her dignity with a curt "no comment", but Teresa Gorman, Tory MP for Billericay, thought that Sir Nicholas thought that Sir Nicholas must have loved and lost. "It is sad. I think he has been bitten by a wild woman at some stage."
In his interview, which

was lubricated by swigs of Meeriust ("Dutch for more lust") from a plastic beaker, the maverick MP maintained that tained that temptation stopped at the door of the Commons chamber.

"I am delighted to have more of them women in the House of Commons, but they certainly do not give me feelings of femininity — and by that 1 don't mean



Sir Nicholas: bitten by a wild woman?

'beddable'. They lack fra-grance, they're definitely not desert island material. Maybe in this day and age with all these hang-ups, they deny their feminimity.

"Why has womankind given up the exaltation of herself - that attempt to attract, to adorn, to glint?

They all look as though they are from the 5th Kiev Stalinist machine-gun parade. Except for Betty Boothroyd the Speaker. Now she's got style, tragrance. As for Edwi-na Currie — well the only person who smells her fra-grance is herself. I can't stand the hag."
Tony Banks, Labour MP

for Newham North-West. said: "He is a creep to exclude the Speaker from his list. I have always been amazed that any woman would find Nicholas Fairbairn remotely attractive. I would rather sleep with a yak ... if I were a woman

Liz Lynne, Liberal Demo-crat MP for Rochdale, said: The female intake of 1992 is probably better than the male intake of his vintage. I find it something of a cheek for him to comment on the looks of all of us and am surprised that he has not looked at himself recently."

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Science conquers bestseller list as A Brief History of Time clocks up 184 weeks in top ten hardbacks

Hawking's history breaks time record

THE hardest task Stephen Hawking faced vesterday was coaxing his mechanical voice into pronouncing the

Professor Hawking was in London to receive a certificate from the Guinness Book of Records to celebrate his book, A Brief History of Time, spending the largest number of weeks. 184, in the top ten of the bestsellers list published by The Sunday

in doing so, it has ousted Edith Holden's Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. The next edition of the Guinness book will record Professor Hawking's feat alongside The Road Less Travelled, by M. Scott Peck, which remains the all-time best seller, excluding the Bi-ble, after staying in The New York Times bestseller lists for 258 weeks in the 1980s.

Professor Hawking explained that his voice synthesiser, which he has used since his voice failed from motor neurone disease, pronounced Guinness as Guy-ness. Only by spelling it with an h. as Ghinness, could the machine be persuaded to get it right. "Maybe it is because it is an American speech synthesiser." he said. "If only I

had an Irish one. The room was full of smart A temperamental voice synthesiser could not stop Professor Stephen Hawking celebrating success, Nigel Hawkes writes

and smiling men from Ban-tam, Professor Hawking's publishers. Mark Barty-King, managing director, who took a calculated risk by bidding E30,000 for the book in 1988, had every right to look pleased. In Britain, it has been reprinted 33 times and has sold 526,500 copies in hardback. Worldwide, it has been published in 22 languages and has sold more than five million

copies.

Professor Hawking said that, when he thought of the book, he took it to Cambridge University Press, which publishes his more academic works. "They said it might sell 20,000 copies a year worldwide, but I thought a popular science book ought to reach a big audience.

He wanted it, he said, to be as popular as pop-philoso-

(Jehovah's Witnesses): Guinness Book of Records:

The Bible: The Thoughts of Chairman Mao: The Truth that leads to Eternal Life

Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady:

phy books such as Zen and the Art of Motor Cycle Maintenance and to sell in airports alongside Frederick Forsyth and Jeffrey Archer.
"But I never thought I would reach the Guinness Book of

remarkable because the book has not yet been pub-lished in paperback in Brit-ain. Bantam retained the paperback rights and, as the hardback has continued to sell, has constantly post-poned paperback publica-tion. Yesterday Mr Barty-King promised a paperback edition "in the course of 1993" but would not give a more precise date.

The record is all the more

The mystery of the book's success continues to fascinate. It was "common supposition", Mr Barty-King said, that few of those who had bought the book had

> 2.6 billion 800 million 107 million 63 million 28.7 million 3 million

read it, but the evidence of Professor Hawking's postbag suggested otherwise. "Many, many people do read the book and understand it," he said. Among those present yesterday was Professor Hawking's mother Isobel, who is also fighting a disability. She is beginning to go deaf, and has responded by going to a class to learn sign language.
She said that she believed

her son's talents as a writer had been inherited from his father, a medical scientist who had kept a journal every day of his life from the age of 14. She modestly denied making any contribution herself At the moment, A Brief

History of Time is selling about 1,000 copies a week in Britain, and runs second in the lists to Andrew Morton's book about the Princess of Wales, which Mr Barty-King remarked was enjoying 'absolutely remarkable success - for the moment. You had the feeling that Professor Hawking's book, which has slipped down the list once or twice in the past without ever leaving it. might yet challenge for the number one spot again.

His success had bred a degree of envy as well as



Space invader: Professor Hawking yesterday and the book that has sold five million copies in 22 languages

of an anti-Hawking back-lash, manifested in an article in last week's Spectator quoting other physicists who cast doubt on the permanence of Professor Hawking's achievements. "You have to understand that first there is speculation,

tion, and then there is cos-mology," one of them said. Another, Professor John Barrow of Sussex University, was quoted as saying: "In a list of the 12 best theoretical physicists this century. Steve would be nowhere near."

Nobody was rude enough to mention any of this at yesterday's party, but Profes-sor Hawking was asked if he expected the ideas in his book to be of continuing value in thirty years time. I think some of the ideas we have now will be seen as wrong or confused in a hundred years, but I think most of our ideas will still fit into a

wider framework," he said. after keying the response into his computer. Then he went off to lunch with his publisher and to count his royalties - a task which by now calls for a command of numbers well into the cos-

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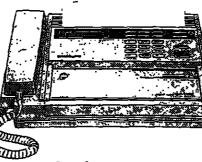
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Star 103 beats Eton radio bid

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK **MEDIA CORRESPONDENT**

BARONESS Flather, the first Asian woman to become both a mayor and a peer, notched up another first yesterday by beating Eton College, Terry Wogan, Frank Bough and several other consortia to win the independent local radio licence for Windsor, Slough and Maidenhead.

Lady Flather, former may-or of Windsor and Maidenhead, will become chairman of Star 103 FM, which will rary music", local news, three hours a week of Hindustani language programmes and four hours of Asian music. She said she was determined that Asian and other minority programming not be ghettoised on the station. "I want all minority issues, whether to do with race, gender, age or disability, to be integrated into the main programming so they are aired for everyone, because these issues concern

everyone," she said. Lady Flather, a Conservative and a former member of the Commission for: Racial Equality, is also a director of Meridian Broadcasting, the new ITV licencee which replaces TVS next January.

Mr Wogan's consortium was the only bidder not to include Asian programming in its application. Other bidders, with the exception of Eton College's WSM-FM, led by Sir David Nicholas, the former ITN chairman, planned significantly more Asian specialist program-ming than Star 103. The station will compete

with more than 18 others for just 390,000 potential listeners, including 40,000 Asians. when it begins broadcasting

BBC stake in satellite TV widens

BY OUR MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

> THE BBC is to launch four new satellite channels over the next three years spanning news, documentaries, natural history and children's programming. The launches will follow the start this autumn of UK Gold, an entertainment channel showing vintage Thames Television and BBC

"James Arnold-Baker, chief executive of BBC Enterprises. said that the corporation had new channels, but would take stakes of about 20 per cent and supply most of the programme output.

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"We want to extract the maximum market value for our programmes, and this will be of benefit to the licence payer because money will be put back into making new programmes," Mr Amold-Baker said. "If we want to have any control over programming on these channels. we need a boardroom presence. There is no point selling programmes to BSkyB without being able to share in its financial success.

 He confirmed that negotiations were in progress about a link-up between the BBC and BSkyB's 24-hour news channel, Sky News, to create a joint European news channel. BBC News and Current Affairs would supply a significant amount of news output.

In other programme areas. the BBC could start new channels with commercial partners or join existing channels such as the Chil-dren's Channel or Discovery. There's a lot of dancing, a lot of mating going on, but no one knows who is going to end up with whom." Mr

Methodists oppose extramarital sex

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Methodist church stood by the traditional Christian view of marriage vesterday after one of the most heated debates in recent years. The Methodist confei-

ence, meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne, adopted a state-ment on marriage and fam-ily life which argues that sexual relationships should be confined to marriage The statement, the result of nine years of revision and argument, has by its adoption assumed the position of official church teaching. It was adopted in the face of strong criticism from young, single and divorced Meth-odists who described it as patronising and outdated.

After the debate yesterday the Rev Brian Duckworth, general secretary of the so-cial responsibility division. which drew up the statement, denied it was patronising. "There is a lot

of concern about the chaosof modern families, the faci that children and young people do not know who they belong to. There is a growing awareness of the damage that informal relationships result in. It is inf the interests of society that people live in dependable

relationships."
Mr Duckworth told conference that the statement." while sensitive to a variety of relationships, 'affirmed Christian orthodoxy, "Individuals can be and obviously are completely fulfilled assingle people. Understanding, a sense of proportion ern sexual climate are

The statement gained the 75 per cent majority needed to be adopted as a declaration of the church by a nar now margin. Most speakers in the hour long debate op-

Hotels face ruin as trade drops to ten-year low

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

industry, however. The

in April, hotels had an aver-

age occupancy rate of 45 per

cent, compared with 49 per

cent last year, 58 per cent in

1990 and 52 per cent in

1989. In January, the aver-

age occupancy was 30 per

All grades of hotels suffered, but cheaper ones per-formed slightly bener than others. "Budget-style opera-tions are obviously gaining

from people down-trading, but it would be true to say that

few hoteliers can be happy

with their trading position,

Specific numbers of hotels in receivership are aimost im-

possible to collate and vary according to the method used. Department of Trade statistics show that the num-

ber of hotel and catering com-

panies that became insolvent

last year was 748, compared

with 489 in 1990, 489 in

Dries De Vaal, of the accountant Touche Ross, says that, in the first five months of

this year, 69 hotels or hotel

chains went into receivership, compared with 49 in the same period last year. "Our view is that the first quarter

was particularly bad because

people waited for the outcome

of the election and this hit

bookings hard," he said.

The second quarter did not

get any worse and our predic-

tions are that, although the

third quarter is still not good, things will improve sharply in the last three months of the

September is usually the

busiest month for hotels. In

1989, 71 per cent of rooms

were filled across Britain and 73 per cent in London. By last

year, that had fallen to 64 per cent and 68 per cent

Although there is a wide-

spread belief that this Sep-

tember will show a significant improvement on last year, the

normally short-lived peak sea-

son will have to be particular-

ly strong to cover the losses

built up over the past few

respectively.

1989 and 371 in 1988.

Mr Parkinson said

HUNDREDS of hotels in England are losing money as Howarth survey shows that. occupancy levels fall to their lowest for more than ten

The situation for the first three months of this year was even worse than for last year when the Gulf war severely reduced the number of visitors, according to a survey by Horwath Consulting and the English Tourist Board. "Far from recovering from the recession, many hotels are clearly trading at levels which are below their critical break-even point," Geoff Parkinson, Howarth's director responsi-ble for the survey, said. "At these present low occupancy levels, many hotels are plainly losing money."

The survey, based on information from more than 500 hotels in England, shows that the average monthly occupancy was up to nine percentage points lower than in the first quarter of last year. and was "the worst-ever first quarter trading period since-1980". Mr Parkinson said: "To get back to 1989 levels throughout the country, the recession will have to be well and truly over and, for some hotels, it will be too late."

Many hotels, especially in the countryside, were bought at the top of the market with large mortgages or bank loans. Now their owners are finding it increasingly hard, if not impossible, to cover their debts.

In the first three months of this year, 113 hotels went into receivership, according to the accountants KPMG, although banks are rehictant to foreclose on the loans because, if an hotel is to be sold, it must remain open for. business.

One possible ray of hope could come from the latest government statistics showing that overseas visitors to Britain increased by 16 per cent in April compared with the same month last year and that their spending increased by 20 per cent to ES70

The figures are viewed with some scepticism within the

Badgers fall victim to drought By LOUISE HIDALGO

A WILDLIFE hospital in southern England is receiv-ing record numbers of animals suffering from malnu-trition and dehydration as the worst drought in two centuries tightens its grip.

Badgers are among the worst affected, according to the Whdlife Hospital Trust, whose St Tiggywinkles hospital at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire is treating more hamshire, is treating more than 1,000 animals, most of them victims of the water shortage. One of the latest admissions is a female bad-ger, critically dehydrated, weighing almost half the av-erage and infested with maggots. Before her was a four-month-old cub which a farmer discovered semi-co-matose in a field beside its dead mother and siblings. Les Stocker, the hospital's

founder, said: "We have re-ceived more than 20 badgers in the past fortnight, which is unprecedented at this time of the year. The earthworms which are the badgers' staple diet are dig-ging deeper into the ground to find moisture and the badgers cannot follow. Many of the woodland



Patient work: Les Stocker with two badgers on intravenous drips at his wildlife hospital yesterday

streams and rivulets they drink from have dried up." Some have been injured by cars as they scavenged for

Most of the badgers are

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too weak to feed themselves and the hospital puts them on an intravenous drip of saline and dextrose solution. As their strength returns, they are fed on dog food and

frozen meat, supplemented with anabolic steroids to rebuild lost muscle mass. Ninety per cent survive. The hospital has also been

admitting more foxes - 40

in the past three weeks hedgehogs and deer, most suffering from lack of water.

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Scientists baffled by frog deaths

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

FROGS appear to be dying in unprecedented numbers in Britain this year, researchers say. Scientists at the Zoological Society in Regent's Park, north London, who have studied frog carcasses from affected sites say that they have lew clues as to the cause.

Andrew Cunningham. veterinary pathologist at the society, said yesterday: "It is certainly a serious problem . . . we have reports of several hundred frogs dying at a single site."

The society, in co-operation with the RSPCA and Herpetofauna Consultants International, is trying to discover the cause through the Frog Mortality Project which was set up three weeks ago. Reports of mass deaths of common frogs, Rana temporaria, have been rising for five

Dr Cunningham said mass frog deaths had been reported elsewhere in the world. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature, in Geneva, Switzerland, was planning an amphibian task

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Sun lotion labelling 'confusing'

Environmental health officers urged the government yesterday to introduce a uniform system of protection factor numbering for sun tan lotions so consumers could accurately compare the merits of rival products. They also want regular testing to establish their effectiveness.

The health officers in London said that present labelling systems were confusing and that people could be over exposing themselves to ultra-violet radiation by applying creams that gave too little protection.

They said research had shown that some products claiming a high level of protection failed to give it and that figures quoted on some products were little more than marketing gimmicks.

Student missing

A land and air search of the Galloway hills has failed to find Amanda Ross, 22, who vanished from her home at Newton Stewart, Dumfries and Galloway, at 4am on Wednesday. She is thought to have been wearing only a nightdress. Police said that they were gravely concerned.

Green wellies

A recycling bank for old wellington boots has been opened by Preseli Pembroke-shire District Council. They will be made into new boots by Dunlop Footwear which said: "It's a green scheme but they don't have to be green wellies to be recycled."

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An 8in French condom made in 1810 with an illustration of a min and three bishops was bought by a Swedish man for £3,300 at Christie's in London yesterday.

Pupils taught to love home comforts

By RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE first teacher to take lessons in housing and how to avoid homelessness is to be appointed in Yorkshire. The Leaving Home initia-tive, by Yorkshire Metro-politian Housing Associ-ation's charitable wing, is being launched today to complement National Housing Week, which be

gins next Monday, and which will focus on the problems of children when The position of housing education worker will be hased at Sheffield City

Polytechnic's department of urban and regional stud-ies. The successful candi-date will work during school terms visiting schools in the county to take lessons on the costs of buying and renting the limited benefits available to young people, and op-tions available for the

This is to stop the young person who leaves home and is hitching up the Mi to London, without realising that they have a much better chance of finding a best of the person in I and a hostel or home in Leeds," said Bill Payne, from the Yorkshire Metropolitan Housing Association, which owns 3,000 homes. "My experience is that so few of young people know what to expect and can, and do, fall prey to unscrupu-lous landlords and appall-ing housing conditions at excessively high rents."

The post is for a teacher

with a knowledge of housing. The teacher will be encouraged to train other teachers to continue the

Pupils will be given infor-mation packs. "Ultimately, we would like to provide about 10,000 of these cdu-about 10,000 for pupils and about 10,000 or these edu-cation packs for pupils, and a develop a network of teachers well briefed on housing." Mr Payne said. The £30,000 project has been funded by money raised on Red Nose Day.

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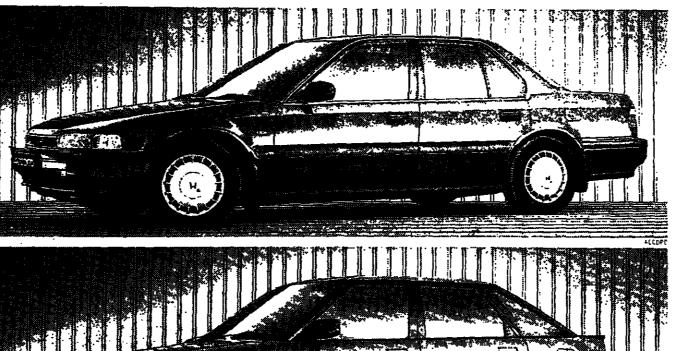
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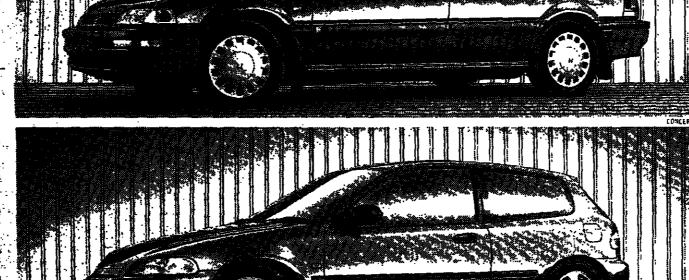
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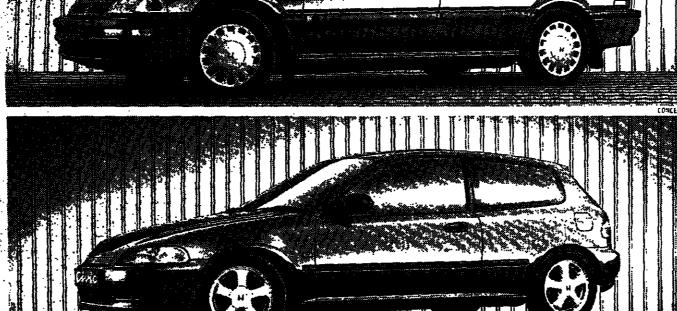
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Government sees treaty as best basis for wider Europe

THE continuing dispute over the Maastricht treaty must not overshadow Britain's EC presidency, which represented "a first class opportunity to promote and protect British interests", Baroness Chalker, foreign minister, told peers

At the start of the Lords debate on the presidency, Lady Chalker said that ratification of the treaty, which "has so dominated commentary on Europe in the past months", could not be allowed to dominate the next

The EC had a large work agenda, regardless of Maastricht. "Clearly the Community needs to examine the consequences of the Danish referendum, but we stand by the Maastricht agreement as the best foundation for building a wider and more decentralised Europe."

She insisted that Denmark "cannot be coerced or excluded" because of its people's referendum decision. "We must respect Denmark's democratic procedures and views as to what they want to do next. We must also respect the firm commitment to the Maastricht treaty which this government negotiated, signed and successfully commended to both Houses for approval in December.

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"We must accommodate

Maastricht must not dominate Britain's EC presidency, says Baroness Chalker.

Arthur Leathley and John Lewis report on the Lords debate on Europe

the desire to see the Community progress as 12 together in the tradition of strong and enduring consensus that has brought us thus far."

Enlargement was a key area in which Britain would play a leading role and Britain would prepare as much ground as possible to ensure that formal accession negotiations would take place in 1993 with Austria, Sweden. Finland and Switzerland. The resultant enlargement would achieve "the very vision of a wider Community that I know Baroness Thatcher so deeply sharper."

deeply shares."

Lord Richard, Labour's EC affairs spokesman and a former EC commissioner, said that the "problems the government face should not and cannot be underestimated". Turmoil in former Yugoslavia and Eastern Europe combined with the EC's own "urgent internal problems" meant that the presidency came at a critical stage in the Community's history.

"It is all very well to say that it [Maastricht] will not be allowed to dominate the British presidency. It is bound to dominate because it goes right to the heart of the

Community in its present form."

He said it was ironic that the government was now in charge during a difficult period after it had been obstructive prior to Maastricht and had created "a two-speed Europe with Britain in the

slower lane".

"The prime minister must demonstrate the will and unity to put the ratification process back on course."

He agreed that the Danes must not be coerced into agreement and said that there was no point in renegotiating with the Danish government. The prime minister was honour bound to approve ratification, irrespective of the Danish decision. "Drifting is hardly a policy and delay is hardly a long-term strategy."

The government's opposition to economic and monetary union had led to it being "outflanked" over the setting up of a European central bank. "To say that you may not join in the game is not the best posture to trying to get the game played on your

pitch."
Ministers would have to be seen to represent the interests of the whole country and not merely their party. "Encumbered as the government is with the ideological baggage of the past ten years, this task will not be an easy one."

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers and former president of the European Commission, rejected claims that Europe was "teetering on the brink" of becoming "an all-powerful superstate which will dominate our lives".

He said there was no danger of the EC becoming a United States of Europe, and added that the proportion of gross national product given by member states to the Community budget was less than a tenth of that paid by American states to Washington. It was important that Europe should not dominate members who were equally or better able to make their own decisions.

Britain's presidency would represent an "exceptional opportunity" to play an effective role in Europe, perhaps more than at any time since the UK's entry into the Common Market.

He warned peers that the He EC needed to resolve its to

Thatcher: powers and rights "are being given away to the centre in Brussels"

present difficulties before enlargement. "There is no sense in living in a world of illusion and it is undoubtedly an illusion that a Community in dispute could turn itself from one of 12 into one of 20 or

He urged increased power for the European parliament as a democratic instrument. He wanted Europe to proceed to a single currency, but insisted this did not involve the "sacrifice" of Britain's national identity or her democratic position.

Baroness Thatcher accused European ministers of losing touch with the views of the public and urged Britain and its European partners to use the Danish referendum result as a chance to "think again".

Delivering her 24-minute

maiden speech in the Lords, Lady Thatcher told peers that the Maastricht treaty did not tackle today's problems. "The world has changed dramatically in the last two years and the Community must adapt to that or it will lose its purpose and support." she warned. "The result of the Danish referendum is an opportunity to think again but there is regrettably little.

sign that the Community as a whole is ready to do that."

Lady Thatcher again pressed for British opinion on the deal to be tested in a referendum. "Justifiable scepticism is on the increase. People feel that their governments have gone ahead too fast, so that now the gap between governments and people is too wide. The particular concerns are different in each country but the basic misgivings are mostly the

"People feel too many of the powers and rights that have been theirs for centuries are being given away to the centre in Brussels."

She warned peers that in the modern political world, where European ministers spent so much time in each other's company, they got "out of touch with the people and too much in touch with themselves".

Lady Thatcher said: "In a sensible world, we would nev-



Lord Richard: presidency comes at a critical stage in Community history

er have gone ahead with the new treaty until the single market had been completed and was in operation." She warned peers: "If Parliament lost its powers to another body, there would be little point in debate. People understand that Maastricht is more, much more, than just a technical adjustment to the Treaty of Rome." The Treaty of Rome provided for the European Commission to have the sole right of initiative in 11 areas of policy, but under Maastricht that reached 20. "No wonder people feel they have a right to be consulted about such a major change in the way they are governed."

Because the three political parties had taken the same line on Europe in the election, the public had had no chance of expressing their views because they had been given no choice.

Lady Tharcher denied that

similar powers had been given away under her leadership in the Single European Act. "The suggestion that there is any comparison between powers transferred to the Community under the Single European Act and at Maastricht is misplaced."

It was in Britain's interests

for the countries of Eastern Europe to be admitted to the EC as soon as possible. "If the EC doesn't respond more rapidly to the needs of Eastern Europe ... the peoples from those countries will join the Community even if their governments can't. They will yote with their feet and arrive in even larger numbers."

On EC finance, she said: "I

congratulate the government for their robust refusal to contemplate additional funds for the Community. There will no doubt be attempts to re-open the issue of the Brit-

To laughter she added: "I had some great budget battles in my day — I always found that the most effective weapon was 'No' or sometimes 'No No No'! I'm glad that this continues to be the policy even if it is more sweetly expressed."

Attacking centralisation of power, she said: "There's far too much centralisation

going on. far too much buresucracy going on. We don't like it but nevertheless we are going to ratify the Maastricht treaty. Those things just don't to me, add up."

She said Maastricht was one of the great constitutional

one of the great constitutional issues of the time and said she hoped its implications would be debated in greater detail after the recess.

The prime minister could

have great influence over the whole future of the Community. She praised Mr Major. saying: "I wish him well during the British presidency." He would carry out the role "with effectiveness".

"I've made my view clear

"I've made my view clear on the Maastricht treaty. I do not believe that will be resolved during our presidency, and I think noble lords will know how I would vote."

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff.
who as Labour prime minister held the last British referendum on Europe, urged John Major to reconsider his decision not to have a public vote on ratification. He did not feel that the last referendum had harmed Britain's constitution and added that the nation could vote for ratification.

ratification.

He accepted that the Danish vote had been a shock to Europe, which had appeared to have been "almost sleep-walking" over Maastricht. Lord Callaghan said he believed the Maastricht treaty did meet the needs of the 21st century, but there was a gap to be filled before this was understood. If there were difficulties in meeting some of the requirements, more time must be allowed.

He went on: "To vote 'No' would be wrong. It will send, clearly, the wrong signal to other countries of Europe, unleashing the rampant nationalism which is dormant, but already showing its head in Eastern Europe and the former Russian republics.

"It would disconcert many people who are looking to the Community as a source of stability and strength."

It would not be a question of simply failing to pass a meaty and carrying on as before. "I don't think the Community can stand still," he said. Unless the Community did go forward, it would go backwards "and if it goes backwards I fear what the consequences will be."

Lord Callaghan warned the overnment not to overload the Western European Union with tasks it could not acitieve. It did not have the capacity. We must continue to supplement the great effort of the United States. "We must concede to no one anything which undermines Nato: it is fundamental to our defence situation. It is, moreover, of particular value in relation to Germany because a non-nuclear Germany demands the cover of American forces in Europe and so Nato must be maintained at full strength," he said.

Lord Stoddart of Swindon, the Labour Euro-sceptic, said the approach of Lady Thatcher reminded him of the old song: "No, No, No, a thousand times No. I would rather die than say Yes." He hoped that when the



Lord Jenkins: "There is no sense in living in a world of illusion"

ed, she would continue to say "No, No, a thousand times

No."
Lady Thatcher nodded in assent as Lord Stoddart added that British people were being told they were winning rights when they were actually losing them. Labour, he admined, was suffering "a severe attack of Europhoria".

Lord Cockfield, another former EC commissioner, said it was worrying that a gap was opening up between people and their governments on EC issues. This was most clearly illustrated in the Danish referendum

Maastricht was an importion treaty and it ought to be ratified, but its importance was being "somewhat exaggerated". To a very large extent, the policies in it were those already agreed by the Community Some were already carried out in Community law. There was nothing objectionable in the treaty.

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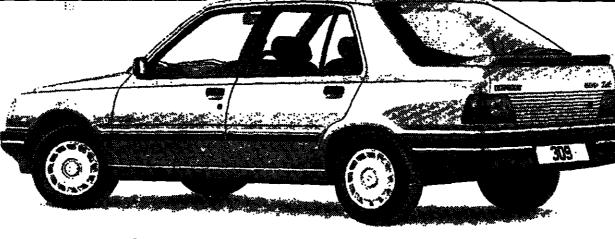
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Disordered world relies on EC help, MPs told

DOUGLAS Hurd is to go to Yugoslavia the week after next to get a first-hand impression of recent developments. He said he hoped to visit as many of the republics as possible, as well as Tirana. the capital of Albania. But he made it clear again that there was no question of committing British ground forces

The foreign secretary made the announcement in the Coramons yesterday as he opened the debate on Britain's plans for its presidency of the European Community. Mr Hurd devoted the early part of his speech to the Balkans but displayed little optimism about the immediate future.

He emphasised the impor-tance of the satisfatcory outcome to the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) negotiations and set out the main planks of Britain's policy for the EC for the next six months. These are: steps towards enlargement completion of the single market by the end of the year; tighter controls on spending by the Community; and further extension of subsidiarity, or "minimum interference" as Mr Hurd frequently referred

to it yesterday. Mr Hurd admitted that the next six months were rather daunting. Ministers faced a huge array of summits and conferences in all parts of the world. But the world was in a disorderly state and, in problem after problem, from Yugoslavia, to Russia, to South



Hurd: "We want to restrain intrusiveness of the Commission"

to play a part for which its institutions and procedures were not yet fully equipped. ...

The EC agenda, however, was in large part made up of matters in which the government strongly believed enlargement, reduction of interference, prudent financial settlement of the EC's finances, a Gatt settlement and completion of the single market.

Mr Hurd opened his speech with a resume of the situation in Yugoslavia. The argument about the timing of the recognition of Croatia would continue, but no moment for recognition would have been ideal, no moment that could have brought a painless peace.
There were limits to what

outsiders could do. Developments in Yugoslavia were not susceptible to external influences or logic. History, hatred and revenge remained power-

Mr Hurd said that the latest situation in Sarajevo gave some grounds for optimism. President Mitterrand's brave flight into the city had given a chance. The humanitarian situation was the first concern and was clearly desperate. But any old aid would not help. Experts would have to assess the needs and the necessary sup-

plies could be ordered.

On the Gatt negotiations, Mr Hurd said that the Uruguay round not only affected Britain's prosperity, but that of the developing world. The forthcoming meeting of the Group of Seven leading in-dustrial nations offered the chance to cover the last few yards to the finishing post. He was convinced the remaining differences between the EC and United States on agriculture could be resolved

quickly. Turning to the main burden of his speech, on the British presidency of the EC Mr Hurd said that recently ministers had frequently been questioned about the Danish referendum on the Maas-tricht treaty. "I have nothing new to add today. We are in a

period of pause. The Danish government had asked for time to consider their options. That was fair enough, but by the autumn they had to say how they intended to proceed. "When we know in the autumn how Denmark intends to proceed we can judge when it would be right to ask the House to proceed with the legislation needed to ratify the treaty

"The prime minister has repeatedly stressed our sup-port for the treaty which we negotiated in good faith. I am clear myself that our efforts to nity we | will speak achieve the Community we

Douglas Hurd, opening the debate on Europe, announced that he plans to visit the Yugoslav republics, write Robert Morgan and John Winder

want need to build on ratification of the treaty rather than on its destruction.

The single market, he went on, had to be liberal and open. Britain's future wealth depended on its manufacturing industries and services remaining internationally competitive. All member states had been basically agreed on the single market for many years, but there were three newer matters for Britain to deal with during her presidency. At first it had been uphill on all three, but now Britain had strong allies and the flow of ideas was in Britain's favour.

Mr Hurd continued: "We want to enlarge the Community. Second we want the Community to practise the same self-restraint in spending as most national governments. Third, we want to restrain the intrusiveness of

On enlargement, he said that Austria, Sweden, Fin-land and Switzerland had already applied and Norway might follow in November. The aim was that by the Edinburgh Council at the end of the British presidency all preparations should be in place so that negotiations could start as soon as future financing was settled and Maastricht ratified. "The aim is to complete negotiations during 1993 with a view to Efta countries joining by 1995. That has for a long

time been our preferred timetable. It is ambitious but The EC would also be discussing ways of creating

Cyprus and Malta. "By the turn of the century we want the Community to embrace the new democracies in Central Europe: Poland, Hungary, and Czerhoslovakia."

He added that he would like association agreements with Bulgaria and Romania and trade agreements with Russia and the other main

On future financing, he said that at the Lisbon summ member states were unhappy. with the idea of large increases in Community spend-ing. During its presidency, Britain would be looking for an agreement that respected budget discipline and the need for sound finances.

On subsidiarity, he said that the Maastricht treaty helped to clarify the boundaries of Community competence, but even before ratification urgent work should be conducted on carrying through the principle of subsidiarity as soon as possible. A report on progress would be made to the Edinburgh Council, where he hoped firm decisions would be taken. This had been discussed with the Commis-sion on Wednesday when the prime minister gave it a clear steer, emphasising that nothing would allay the fears of those questioning the Community more than a successful work programme this year to apply the principle of minimum interference not

just to future proposias, but to existing legislation. In his last speech from the Opposition front bench, Gerald Kaniman, Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs, said that Labour would op-pose any guillotine on the bill to ratify the Maastricht treaty but would reserve its position on the bill itself until it saw its

final form. He said that the govern-ment regarded the Danish vote against the treaty as something nasty on the pavement, but even though they might walk gingerly round it.

there it still lay.

Mr Kaufman opened by saying that the error of allowing some parts of former Yugoslavia to become client states of EC countries had already been made with consequences that had led to tragedy. It had been a serious error for the EC council last December to be dragged by Germany into making a date for recognition of the republics. The whole process of

recognition by Germany had

been injurious to the council. Recognition of small states, unviable economically and politically, by undue provision of the cachet of the Community had encouraged other republics to declare their independence. He did not say that the tragedy of Bosnia-Herzegovina was a direct consequence, but had that December decision not been made, it was possible

so speedy and confident in declaring independence. Sanctions should have been imposed sooner and should have been more comprehensive. The United Nations should also have been in-

Bosnia would not have been

volved earlier. Action in former Yugoslavia should only be under UN authority and he hoped the government would take seri-ously suggestions for a per-manent structure for a UN force, as advocated by Labour two years ago.

There had been no clear statement by the government of its objectives during the presidency. The prime minis-ter seemed to imagine that subsidiarity stopped at central government and that there should be no decentralisation below that level. He clearly had no idea of what subsidiarity really

The Labour definition was that decisions should be made at the level of the Community, nationally, regionally or locally, wherever maximum democratic controi and effectiveness was

As for enlargement, Mr Major had made clear that during the United Kingdom presidency it was little more than an academic issue.

Nobody knew when the Maastricht treaty would be ratified. Its uncertain fate was an insuperable obstacle to a productive UK presidency. Even the prime minister

now admitted that it was pointless for the Commons to proceed with the required bill until they could could see the Danish referendum. Labour had already made

clear it supported much of the treaty but took great exception to the exclusion of the social chapter.
The objectives during the

British presidency should include much more specific effort to obtain agreement to accession of applicant states. It was far too negative to say that enlargement should await ratification of

Maastricht. The United Kingdom should make clear that Turkey would not be admitted while it had troops in Cyprus against the will of the local government. Human rights in Europe and outside should be an important theme of the



Kaufman: sanctions on Yugoslavia should have been imposed sooner

presidency and Albania should be told it would get no aid until it ended the abomi-nation of public hangings.

The British government seemed to be alone in seeing the single market as an adventure playground for capital without providing the necessary protection for employed and unemployed people. It was alone in rejecting the social chapter and charter, and that attitude must change.

Mr Kaufman did not begradge the government its election victory, but could not forgive it for what it was doing to the poor in his

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Debates on Labour motions on recession in inchildren.

dustry, and government failure to contain BSE. Tuesday and Wednesday: Finance bill, remaining stages. Thursday: Summer adjournment motion and backbench debates, all-night sitting. Friday: Private member's motion on education of people Thursday: Debate on systemwith special needs.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to

Monday: Debate on runaway Tuesday: Civil Service (Management Functions) bill.

committee. Wednesday: Debates on job losses in manufacturing industry; on the future of the professions; and on London's Underground.

atic biiology research.

existence in poor housing. poorly clothed and poorly fed. They were excluded from John Major's classiess society because they were too poor to claim membership of any

Peter Shore, Labour's longstanding opponent of the European Community, said Britain was beginning to wake up to the consequences of agreeing to the Maastricht treaty. The Danes had actually made the treaty available to the people. "They saw what is implied and they were not going to have it," he said.

If the government told the British public what was involved, he had no doubt it would be equally opposed and a referendum would result in a "No" vote.

He described as "astonishing" the government argument that the treaty was about reversing the cen-tralisation of policy making. In fact, the treaty was the biggest step to centralisation since the Treaty of Rome brought the Community into existence.

The government, he con-ceded, was in a slightly better position than Labour. Technically, ministers had left open options, but Labour was conceding crucial economic powers to the central bank and in other ways and even powers which would influence the level of employment. They are prepared to give it up. I find it amazing, amazing." What the Labour party had to do was to vote against ratification of the treaty.



A song for Europe: the opera singer Montserrat Caballé rehearses for Saturday's premiere of Il Viaggio a Riems, marking Britain's presidency of the EC and the 200th anniversary of the composer Rossini's birthday



Pledge on welfare of animals

Britain is to use its EC presidency to press for tighter controls on the transportation of live animals. Nicholas Soames. the food minister, told

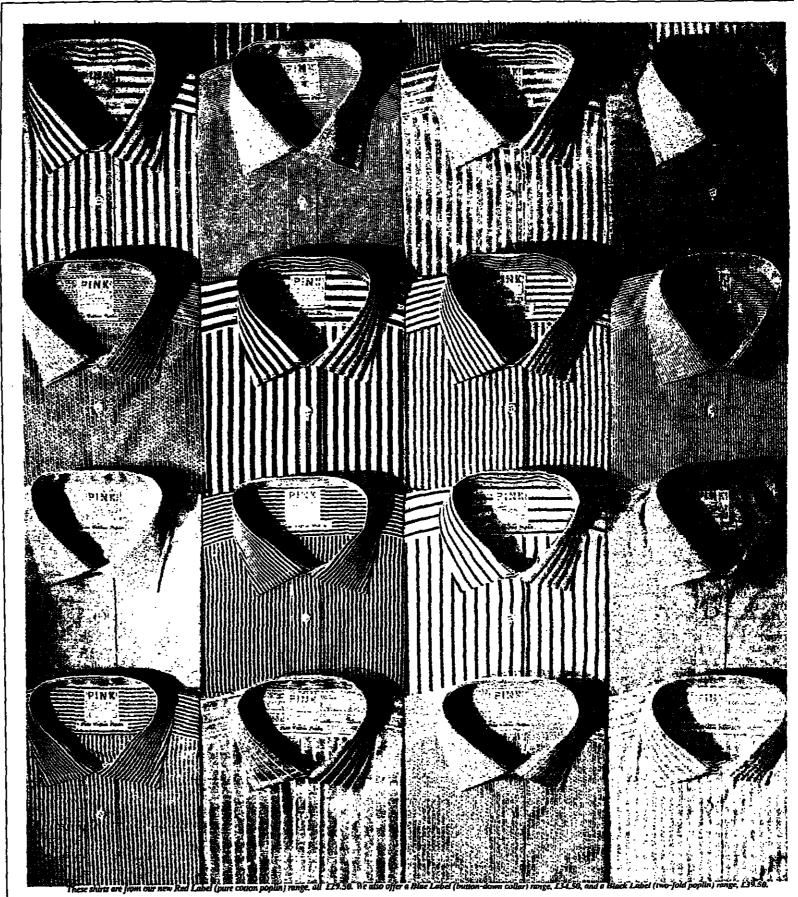
Ron Davies, a Labour food spokesman, demanded to know what action would be taken to stop hundreds of thousands of animals of all species which are transported in and called for an eight-

hour limit on journeys. Mr Soames said that trols would be important in enforcing rules limiting the journey time for live animals.

BSE toll

The number of cases of bovine spongiform enceph alopathy, or "mad cow disease", has reached 38,650 and 700 suspected new cases are being nvestigated each week, Nicholas Soames, the food minister, told MPs. Many of those suspected cases proved not to be infected, he said. There was no need for foreign countries to avoid British

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate on the education of people with special



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Bottomley to set targets for healthier lives

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA Bottomiey, the health secretary, is putting the finishing touches to a white paper announcing a health strategy and setting targets for reducing preventable diseases and deaths.

With Britain one of the unhealthiest nations in the developed world, the paper to be published within two weeks will announce initiatives for reducing heart disease, the biggest killer, and infant mortality and for a wider system of screening and health checks. It will set targets for discouraging smoking and emphasise the dangers of a high-fat diet and too little exercise.

The white paper will follow the lines set out in Health of the Nation by William Waldegrave, Mrs Bottomley's predecessor. The emphasis will be that, while individual freedom is respected, people must take responsibility for the health consequences of their behaviour.

As the government's initiative nears completion, a team of MPs yesterday criticised a patchy network of breast and cervical cancer screening, with women in some areas still reluctant to come forward for tests.

The Commons public accounts committee urged a bigger push by health officials to contact women, especially the homeless and those from ethnic minorities, for regularly screening for the two cancers which have claimed the lives of 250,000 women in England in the

The MPs' report said that the proportion of women in the high-risk age group coming forward for cervical screening rose from 43 to 74 per cent between 1989 and 1991. Breast screening exceeded the health depart-

month John Smith

I will be elected Labour's leader. But leader of what?

Not, certainly, of what Har-

old Wilson once fondly took to describing as a "party of

A London School of Eco-

nomics symposium this week on the "Japanicis-ation" of British politics scarcely offered much com-

fort to the party. Professor Denis Kavanagh reminded us that, of the 13 leaders of

the Conservative party, 12 had been prime minister,

whereas only four of

Labour's dozen or so have

made it to Downing Street. By 1995, the Conservative

party will have been in pow-er for 33 years out of the half century since 1945.

Still more daunting, per-haps, is Professor Ivor

Crewe's warning of the mountain which remains

for Labour to climb. On the

1992 figures, it would take

a swing of only 0.6 per cent

for Labour to deprive the

Conservatives of their majority next time. It would require a swing of 2.5 per cent for Labour to become

the largest party. But a 4.1

per cent swing would be needed for Labour to win an outright majority, a big-ger swing than Labour has

Those figures do not al-low for the boundary changes that a bill before

the Commons is virtually

certain to put in place for the next election. Assuming a 15-seat advantage to the

Tories from those (and

some expect it to be more). Labour would need a 2 per

cent swing simply to de-

prive the Tories of a major-

ity, 4 per cent to become the largest party and 6 per

cent to gain power in its

own right. That is double its best showing since the war.

day's musings offer little more cheer to Mr Smith.

John Underwood, once

Labour's communications director, said that at the

start of the campaign there

were 17 per cent more people who believed the Conservatives would win

than believed Labour would. By the end, there were 23 per cent more be-lieving that Labour would win. That can be taken as

evidence that Labour "won

the campaign". But it also suggests that the effectiveness of the campaign only worsened the result for

Labour. The more people

thought it was likely to win.

the more its vote declined.

Michael Heseltine said

Other figures from the

ever achieved

government

ment's target of 70 per cent of women at risk. But there were big variations, with some areas, such as London, reporting low take-up. "It was extremely difficult to maintain accurate registers of patients where there was a transient population and the ethnic make up of some populations was the second factor that made a difference."

Health officials told the committee that a personal approach worked better than letters to women reluctant to be screened. Health authorities ran projects to contact, through women's groups and representatives of ethnic mi-norities, those who did not register with family doctors.

The death rate from breast cancer in England and Wales is the highest in the world and more than 50 per cent higher than rates in Australia and the United States. Deaths from cervical cancer are also high compared to other developed countries. The report said that cervical cancer is more prevalent among poorer women but breast cancer is greatest among women in the top socio-economic group. Health officials could not

explain the rates, the report said. "They thought it unlikely that the high death rate was due to differences in the quality of treatment in this country. Similarly, for cervical cancer there was no simple single one-line explanation."

After questioning by the MPs, the officials said that of the £130 million spent on cancer research in 1990-1, mainly by the Medical Research Council and charities, only £10 million went directly to breast cancer research.

Cervical and breast screening in England, Commons committee of public accounts, second report public accounts, second (Stationery Office £9.75)

POLITICAL

NOTEBOOK

By ROBIN OAKLEY

as the campaign opened that the Conservatives

would talk about tax in the

first week, tax in the second and tax in the third. It was the negative end of the tactics first divined for the To-ries by Harold Macmillan

in the Central Office memo

asking "Who are the middle classes, what do they

want and how can we give it

Smith is: where is our interest group? With a shrinking working class, more home

owners, more shareholders.

whom does Labour pursue? With the attractions these

days of single-issue politics on the environment, wom-

en's issues and the like, it

cannot hope to build the

mythical mass party. Tied

to the unions, it cannot attract the floating vote it

needs. Broke, it can scarcely afford its politics without

Somewhere out there, largely away from the public gaze, a leadership

election campaign is allegedly being held, but it has not told us much about Mr

Smith's plans to lift Labour

against this miserable

packground. He acknowl-

edges that the party must modernise to meet the aspi-

rations of the young couples on South-East housing

estates, but insists that

Labour cannot abandon its

redistributive approach to

taxation. The answer is to

be a fudge: a commission extended to non-Labour

participants to examine the

question of taxation and benefits.

He is in favour of more

one-person, one-vote de-mocracy within the party.

But with the unions up in

arms about their planned removal from the selection

process, reform will be

postponed until we have the report of a more general enquiry into the relation-

ship between the party and its main financial backers. Mr Smith is a man of sharp intellect, warm hum-our and considerable de-

bating ability. He will make a polished and appealing leader. But he will need a

platform on which to stand. The danger is that, unless

he can come up with some

new clarion call, he will be

seen to be standing on a

The problem for Mr

to them?"

Smith searches

for lost flock



Last outpost: Chris Patten, his wife Lavender and daughters Laura, left, and Alice packed and ready for a new life. The family leave for Hong Kong on Sunday, where Mr Patten, former Tory party chairman, is to be governor until the colony's handover to China in 1997

Heseltine shake-up aims to boost British industry

By JILL SHERMAN. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, the trade and industry secretary. will announce a shake-up of his department today to help boost British industry.

Offices will be set up within the department linked to different sectors of industry rather than regional areas. The restructuring, which is expected to be cost-neutral. using the same people in different roles, is part of Mr Heseltine's strategy to encourage investment and promote British exports.

pected to adopt a much more interventionist role than his predecessor, Peter Lilley, is keen to get companies to work together so that they can maximise opportunities for contracts at home and abroad. Trade and industry ministers are concerned that only about 40 per cent of companies are members of trade associations or chambers of commerce which allow them access to information about world trade.

Mr Heseltine, who is ex- Smaller companies were often working in isolation and unable to capitalise on this data to arrange deals with other companies.

Mr Heseltine and his colleagues are keen to back win-

ners and give them as much

support as possible. "We

should be trying to find the

diamonds," said one source close to Mr Heseltine. However, the department is anxious not to attract too. much criticism from rightwingers in the party who will

accuse Mr Heseltine of intervening too much in the market. Sources within the DTI in-

dicated vesterday that ministers would instead be trying to openly publicise British wares, for example by getting local councils to set up mini-Expos in industrial centres. Ministers are said to be particularly keen to exploit the market in the Far East, particularly China and Taiwan. British hotel chains could ex-

pand in this area, using

British foodstuffs and other British goods.

Speaking to business leaders at a conference organised by The Sunday Times last month, Mr Heseltine underlined the need for an effective dialogue with industry. "We must deal not just with the icing on the cake but with the cake itself."

The DTI has already reintroduced industry sponsorship to help companies have direct access to the appropriate department.

PM hails progress on Ulster

BY SHELLA GUNN

JOHN Major hailed the breakthrough by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, in clearing the way for talks between Ulster politicians and the Irish government as "a great step

Speaking during Commons questions, he also con-demned the IRA's murder of three men in South Armagh. The discovery of the three bodies in Armagh last night and the subsequent admis-sion of the Provisional IRA that they were responsible demonstrates yet again the true nature of terrorism."

He said the "historic agree-ment" by the Northern I re-

land parties on Wednesday to start talks involving the British and Irish governments deserved an unreserved welcome. He hoped that the first meeting would be held under the independent chairmanship of Sir Ninian Stephen as

soon as possible if think it is premature to make predictions about the evenual outcome. But the way is now open for the Northern Ireland parties to explore new relationships face to face with the Irish government."

Mr Major was replying to Jonathan Evans, Conservative MP for Brecon and Radnor, who said that the killings underlined the need for peaceful progress.

Informers killed, page 2

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Routiers revive the ancient French sport of being beastly

CONTRARY to what Britons might imagine. France's professionals of the highway," as the lorry drivers call themselves, are not seizing motorways just to inflict agony on foreign tourists in some perfidious follow-up to last week's assaults on Euro Disneyland and the pride of Cornwall's fishing fleet. The routiers' blockade is

aimed at visiting misery on their own countrymen, an ancient French sport which can be traced back to Roman times when Tacitus recorded the Gallic tendency to be beastly to each other. German tribes, he said, would light for material gain. The Gauls would wallop one another just to prove a point.

Tacitus' Gaul was clearly in the cab on the A1 motorway near Lille yesterday when the police threatened to shoot. We'll drive two petrol tankers onto the road, open the valves and see what happens," a driver said.

Foreigners may not be aware that this streak of extreme bloody-mindedness, demonstrated throughout the ages from the medieval mas-sacres to farmers dumping manure last week on the doorstep of Jacques Delors, is the source of much agony to the French themselves. They are the first to apply that old cliche about loving the country but hating the French.

The phenomenon is hardly new, despite recent TV programmes and magazine artides agonising over odious French behaviour under headlines such as "Beastliness

The mentality of lorry drivers who blocked motorways and upset holiday makers harks back to Roman times, writes Charles Bremner from Paris

- the French disease". Vol-England railing against the ghastly French. Flaubert wrote in 1875 that "no-one more than I is more aware of the insupportabilité" of the national character. That word (unbearableness) is one of a string of terms which the French apply to themselves when they complain about sub-groups". their esprit raleur (grousing). their mauvaise foi (bad faith) to each other and their end-

By the 19th century, whole books were being written on issue of Gallic mean-mindedness, with some experts pointing to biological causes such as diet and foreign blood. Others, such as the great observer Alexis de Tocque ville, traced the lack of civic spirit, the mentality of aprèsmoi-le-déluge to a divorce between the citizen and the distant all-powerful state.

The French, noted the ex-

less querelles franco-

perts, are full of paradoxes, starting with the one that opposes their volatile spirits to the cold logic of Descartes. The drivers' havoc springs, for example, both from extreme idealism and selflessness (philosophical objection to a

new driving licence system) with utter selfishness (the countrymen hostage and destroy the holidays of Welsh children). Tocqueville diagnosed the trouble as "collective individualism, that is the selfishness of little groups and

Whatever the origins, no nation in Europe has demonstrated such an ability to make life miserable for itself for so long. The farmers' and truck drivers' grogne is a direct descendant of the Albi-gensian massacres of the 13th century, the religious wars of the 16th, the peasants' revolts and massacres in the Cévennes under Louis XIV, the punitive expeditions and the Terror of the Revolution, all the way through to the Commune massacres of 1871, the student riots of 1968 and the still unsettled hatreds born of the Vichy collaboration. It is no accident that while Russia has turned into an American business school, France still boasts a Stalinist Communist Party imbued with the spirit

dass warfare. The lorry drivers' problem, say the sociologists, springs from a need to prove their existence through selfish dis-



When beastliness flourished: victims of the Terror being taken in a tumbril to the guillotine in the dark days of the Revolution

ruption, along the lines of "I protest, therefore I am". Pierre Bouvier, an expert at the CNRS, government scientific research body, says Frenchmen protest "to prove they are not just cogs in the machine". Certainly no counmany reasons to disrupt traffic as the French. Of late. Paris traffic has been snarled by revolting school pupils, dustmen, doctors, farmers. nurses, civil servants, ecologists, cyclists, taxi-drivers, pedestrian-rights activists, gays. ritutes and others. There has even been one march up the Champs Elysèes by a group protesting against protests. With mass tourism and feedback from an ever closer outside world. French awareness over the country's mason obsession. This complex has just come under attack in a new book, Excuse Me for Being French by Andre Froissard, the conservative commentator. Ironically and somewhat bitterly, M Froissard lays into France's self-esteem. If only he could have been English, he says. "I would have learned from childhood that there is nothing higher than England, not even heaven. My only regret would be that I would never be able to find a single other people to have a conversation with."

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Flood of refugees sets German record

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN AND DAVID WATTS IN BERLIN

GERMANY yesterday announced a record influx of refugees, highlighting the growing tension being generated in Europe by the increas-ing movement of refugees and economic migrants.

Almost twice as many refugees sought asylum in Germany during the first six months of this year as in the same period of last year. "The asylum problem has thus become the most urgent internal political problem of all," Ru-dolf Seiters, the interior minis-

mpared with just 96,688 in 1991, a total of 187,455 people had claimed asylum in Germany by June 30. Although new regulations de-signed to speed up the process of vetting applicants came into force on July 1, Herr Seiters said the problem could be controlled only if the opposition parties allowed changes to the Basic Law (Germany's

PARTS of the Maastricht

treaty went further than Brit-

ain wanted and the result of

last year's negotiations was a

compromise, Douglas Hurd.

the foreign secretary, said

yesterday. While he denied Baroness

Thatcher's claim that Maas-

tricht was a "treaty too far", his

downbeat assessment of the

treaty retreats from the gov-

ernment's earlier triumphalist

defence of the deal, reached

last December, and acknowl-

edges for the first time that the

text poses difficulties for Brit-

ain. During the talks them-

selves, the government was

clearly seen to be making

concessions but has been re-

luctant to acknowledge the

fact since winning a last-

minute opt-out from new Eu-

ropean Community social law.

In an interview published in

constitution) to remove the automatic right of all refugees to daim asylum. As a recent Aspen Institute

seminar heard, Francis Fukuyama's vision of a world safe in the arms of democracy is being laid to rest in the new. cruel European world of ethnic warfare and huge refugee flows. America's willingness to intervene in the relief of Sarajevo's beleaguered population emphasises Washington's recognition of the damage that may be done to civil order in Europe by the continent's newly poisonous strains of nationalism and the they create.

But the seminar illustrated that most European governments have yet to recognise even the potential danger posed by the biggest movements of population in Europe since the second world war, let alone adopt Europe-wide policies to help shore up democra-

treaty went too far. "Maas-

tricht is a compromise," he

replied. "In certain ways it

goes beyond what we

He did not identify the parts

of the treaty the government dislikes. But he added that,

thanks to the British and

French governments, the ambitions of EC centralists who

wanted total integration had

With the British presidency

of the EC just begun, Mr Hurd's language in defence of Denmark's rejection of ratifi-

cation of the treaty in a

referendum is hardening. Asked what will happen if only

11 of the 12 members states

have ratified the treaty by December 31, he told Le Figaro that Maastricht would

then not come into force. He

repeated earlier assertions that

the Community cannot coerce

or exclude Denmark.

Maastricht went too

far, Hurd admits

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN LUXEMBOURG

wanted."

been limited.

cies whose institutions are being threatened by the resulte economic strains.

With large-scale migration from the Commonwealth of Independent States a real possibility when passports become more freely available there in the next six months. and numerous borders in doubt, the problem can only get worse. Even with the present outflow from Eastern Europe, individual govern-ments, among them the Italian, are feeling the strain of tens of thousands of new arrivals. At the same time are as yet unprepared to share the burden.

Nor do many governments appear to understand the potential for instability being created by the burgeoning foreign popluations within European national borders. Germany alone sees the birth of 80,000 children annually who do not qaulify for citizenship. This year the German government will play host to at least 400,000 new economic and political immigrants in

search of a better life. Under the country's open-door policy, 265,000 arrived last year, making Germany the destination of choice. Yes only ethnic Germans, of whom 100,000 have already arrived this year, may become citizens and there is no provi-sion for the millions of foreign-

ers within its borders.
"We are not a country of immigration," Germans keep telling themselves, in spite of the evidence to the contrary: a vast mass of Turks sunning themselves along the length of the Tiergarten at weekends and a higher percentage of the population being foreign-born than in America.

But while the majority of German politicians pretend that there is no problem, one German speaker warned American participants at the seminar in graphic terms of the potential threat posed by the 40 million Russians living outside Russia and facing increasingly hostile local pop-"Fukuyama is ulations: wrong. The future of democracy is not guaranteed," he said.



Bérégovoy: plea for joint research

French ready to sign up

Madrid: Pierre Beregovo French prime minister, indicated here yesterday that France might be ready to join the European Fighter Aircraft project from which Germany withdrew this week. "If we can do something now, France will subscribe to that," M Beregovoy said at a news conference after talks with his Spanish counterpart, Felipe González.

Europe is not just the prospect of a single currency, not just European cirizenship. but also efforts at joint research, an industrial policy." he said, adding: "Anything that enables us to progress in that direction will be positive." Señor González said that he

On Wednesday Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, keep alive plans for the Eurorejected by Britain as a waste of the billions of dollars already spent (AFP)

would like "to include France in this programme" despite the fact that the country is already involved in the Rafale aircraft project. Spain, Britain and Italy are the remaining partners in the multi-billiondollar EFA project. Commenting on Germany's withdrawal, he said he hoped to see the project go ahead, but "we must adapt to the new situation, reduce the cost and simplify the features".

said Britain would attempt to pean fighter. The German defence minister. Volker Rühe, will visit London next Monday to promote the idea of a "slimmed down" version of the fighter, but this has been

NEWS IN BRIEF Green role for EC's road chief Brussels: Karel Van Miert.

the EC transport commissioner, has been appointed interim environment chief following the resignation of Carlo Ripa di Meana, the high-profile environment commissioner who has become Italy's new minister for environment.

Mr Van Miert, who had alarmed environmentalists by advocating the building of 7,500 miles of motorways, will look after the unit until the new Rome government appoints a successor to Signor Ripa di Meana. (Reuter)

March planned

Munich: People are to march here on Sunday to commemorate the killing of 11 Israeli athletes by Palestinians at the Olympic Games in 1972. Marchers will walk nine miles from the Olympic stadium to the Nazi Dachau concentration camp. (AFP)

£10m netted

Paris: France's fight against the laundering of drug money has netted FFr100 million (£10 million) since February last year, and about 40 tip-offs are being received each month, according to Michel Sapin, the French finance minister. (Reuter)

On the mend

Pittsburgh: The recipient of the first baboon-to-human liver transplant talked to his family and was visited by Keith Reemstma, who pioneered animal-human transplants in the 1960s. The patient, 35, was improving though still critical. (AP)

Search by air

Sydney: Australian police searching for two British women, Joanne Clarke and Lesley Walters, missing since April, are to broadcast appeals at today's Australia-Britain rugby league match in the reaching hope of them. (Reuter)

Space diet

Houston: The crew of the orbiting Columbia space shuttle has tested a new miniature greenhouse called Astroculture to learn more about growing crops to help sustain life in space. It circulates water and nutrients in weightless conditions. (AP)

Giving voice

Ankara: The Turkish constitutional court, ruling in favour of a singer whose husband refused to let her go on stage, has upheld a decision that a law giving men the right to bar wives from working "made the woman a slave to the man". (Reuter)

Le Figaro yesterday. Mr Hurd was asked if he thought the Plan to preserve Hitler bunker upsets Jews

PLANS to preserve Hitler's Berlin bunker as a historical monument have run into deep trouble with the city's Jewish community, which fears it will be turned into a place of pilgrimage for today's neo-Nazis.

The vast underground bunker was built in the heart of the city, with direct access from the Reich chancellery Potsdamerolatz and stretching out towards the Brandenburg Gate. As the Soviet army advanced in 1945, Hitler took refuge in the bunker with Eva Braun, his mistress, to whom he was married shortly before committing suicide on April 30. After capture by the Soviet Berlin shrine for neo-Nazis feared, Ian Murray writes from Bonn

army, most of the 15,000sq ft area was destroyed or flooded. The entrance, in the killing ground of the no man's land on the old communist side of the Wall, was sealed. After unification, the bunker was opened and two rooms used by Hitler's SS bodyguard were found intact, still with their murals showing soldiers in jackboots guarding a model fair-

fice, has now decided that the

three weeks. haired and blue-eyed family. Alfred Kerndl, head of Berlin's archaeological of-

remains of the bunker must become a protected monument if it is to be saved from the developers who are planning to rebuild this central area with prestige government offices, embassies and hotels. He has asked the city's senate to pass the necessary order and this will be considered in the next

If the order is granted, Ulrich Roloff-Momin, the Berlin senator in charge of

culture, is not yet consider-ing turning the site into a tourist attraction. Rainer Klemkes, his spokesman, said: "We are not thinking of setting up a pilgrimage site for neo-Nazis." The only purpose in protecting the bunker was to help researchers. Any decision to open it to tourists would be taken only after "a long and transparent public discussion process".

The Jewish community. however, is not happy. Members said that "a Führer bunker protected as an historic monument in the centre of Berlin's future government district would quickly become a place of pilgrimage to old and new Nazis".

UN to relieve Canadian troops at Sarajevo

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE United Nations is to send 1,500 French, Egyptian and Ukrainian troops to Sarajevo airport to relieve the Canadians now guarding it, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said

The troops, symbolically representing the three religious communities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, will arrive ans eventually to rejoin the 14.000-strong UN peace-keeping force in Croatia. Dr Boutros Ghali made the announcement after talks here with Lord Carrington, head of the European Community peace mission, who will himself fly to Sarajevo today. Lord Carrington said leaders of the Serb, Croat and Muslim factions had agreed to meet him to discuss peace talks.

"That's a start," he said guardedly. "The first thing we must do is to try to get them to continue with the conference which was broken off a month ago." He is hoping to meet President Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president, Radovan Karadzic, the

Business wizard for Belgrade

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

AFTER weeks of dithering. colourful Serbo-Californian entrepreneur Milan Panic has accepted the nomination of Yugoslav prime minister. The post which, must be confirmed by parliament next week, is powerless, but Mr Panic, 62, is being touted as the man with the ear of President Bush and the leader with the wonder drug for the country's ills.

Mr Panic said in America that he was honoured by the appointment, and said that he would leave last night for

Yugoslavia, comprising just Serbia and Montenegro. is unrecognised and ostracised by the rest of the world. But the real power in the land, the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, is hoping that the "rags to riches" story of the poor Serb immigrant will strike a chord in American hearts. Specifically. Mr Panic's task is to persuade the US that sanctions are wrong and that the Sixth Fleet need not prowl down the Adriatic.

Mr Panic left his native Serbia at the age of 23 and settled in California. In 1960. according to his official biography, he began a pharma-ceutical firm called ICN with \$200. Today ICN manufactures more than 600 types of drug, operates 15 plants and has annual sales of more than \$500 million.

Bosnian Serb leader, and a

Dr Boutros Ghali said the UN was looking at ways of strengthening co-operation with the EC over Yugoslavia. As a result, Lord Carrington will fly to New York next week to brief an informal meeting of the UN Security Council about his visit to Sarajevo.

Dr Bouttos Ghali later met John Major to discuss his request for British support for his proposal that the UN should be given more power to prevent war, keep and monitor peace, and to take effective military sanctions against countries flouting UN resolutions. The secretary-general said his proposals, made in response to the January security council summit called by Britain, were not immediately appli cable to the present conflict because of the complex situation in the former Yugoslav republics. It was too early for the UN to detail its future political strategy; the priority now was to establish a lasting ceasefire, provide humanitarian assistance and prevent the conflict spreading to other

parts of what was Yugoslavia. Dr Boutros Ghali said a settlement would take patience, time, imagination and money. He said that he had discussed arrangements for "beyond Sarajevo" with Lord Carrington, but he did not give details. He admitted some of his proposals to enhance the peacekeeping role of the UN were controversial, especially those on peace enforcement. This could involve sanctions and military action. Such "sticks" would not necessarily need to be used, but the possibility could affect the behaviour of countries engaged in hostilities.

The secretary-general also emphasised the need for the UN to engage in preventive diplomacy, intervening in tense situations before conflict began. Some countries might object but this would give the UN more time to prepare for peacekeeping forces. Member states should designate troops who could be on permanent standby for UN operations. And UN forces should have swift access to equipment and transport. At present even obtain-

ing Jeeps was laborious. Meanwhile the European Commission yesterday said it would give food aid valued at £84 million to refugees in the former republics of Yugoslavia. A spokesman said that Brussels was also stepping up its programme to get food through to Sarajevo. Yesterday it ordered another 264 trucks to leave EC food surplus stores in southern Europe for Zagreb, in Croatia, from where transport aircraft will fly the food to Sarejvo airport By the end of the month there will be 1,023 EC trucks carrying 5,760 tons of food aid to the besieged Bosnian capital.

Relief flight, page 1



Model army: a Serbian gunman using mannequins as decoys to flush out Muslim snipers during sporadic shooting yesterday in the Bosnian town of Breko

Walesa manoeuvre helps the farmers' champion survive

PRESIDENT Walesa yesterday refused to accept the resignation of the prime minister, Waldemar Pawlak, in a tactical game designed to help his government's chances of survival.

Mr Pawiak, who nervously presented his government programme on Wednesday, has yet to find a cabinet. He hopes to achieve this before President Bush visits Poland on Sunday. For four weeks Mr Pawlak.

leader of the Peasants party, has been trying to put together a lasting coalition. His best bet is a line-up that includes radical market reformers (the Liberal Democrats) and leftliberals (the Democratic Union). Under a formula agreed earlier this week, one of Mr Pawlak's deputies, Donald Tusk, would have come from the Liberal Democrats and another, Jacek Kuron, from the Democratic Union. Mr Pawlak's farmers panicked: they feared that giving so much power to a

A CARETAKER federal gov-

ernment was sworn in yester-

day to begin formally dis-

mantling the Czechoslovak

federation after the failure of

talks to try to hold the Czech

and Slovak republics togeth-

er. The new government faces

its first impossible task today when Slovak nationalists are

expected to prove their

strength by blocking a third

Jan Strasky, 51, the new

federal prime minister, will

lead a cabinet of ten experts

drawn equally from the two

states to prepare a plan for

term for President Havel.



Pawlak: still trying to

find a cabinet team Thatcherite economist like Mr Tusk would end cheap farm credits and other agricultural help. The dispute was so intense that Mr Pawlak was forced embarrassingly to admit that he still had no cabinet when he made his governmental keynote speech on Wednesday.

Early yesterday morning Mr Tusk visited the prime

the formal split, which was

signalled last month when

Vaclav Klaus, chairman of

the Czech Civil Democratic

party, turned down the post

of federal premier after elec-

tions highlighted differences

An agreement was eventu-

ally made with Vladimir

Median's Movement for a

Democratic Slovakia to set a

deadline of September 30 to

resolve the constitutional is-

between the two states.

Czechoslovak interim

government sworn in

FROM GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

minister and said his party was willing to give up the deputy premiership and thus save the government, but only if Thatcherites were given a substantial say in directly running the economy. Mr

But in order to convince his own party he needed more explicit support from Presi-dent Walesa, who appeared to be losing faith in a farmer-led government. The prime minister thus offered his resignation to the president yesterday morning, knowing that Mr Walesa would refuse.

The president has thus given the prime minister flanking support - he telephoned the parliamentary Speaker to say that he was not considering sacking Mr Pawlak and a little more time. Mr Pawlak now believes he can have his government ready for tomorrow in time for an important, if short, visit to Warsaw by Mr Bush.

The problems of authority in Poland is similar to that in most East European societies. Freely elected parliaments are relishing their blocking power after decades of impotence, but they are ● Coup theory: Polish government investigators believe they have found evidence to support President Walesa's claims that the former prime minister, Jan Olszewski, was planning to launch a coup last month. A secret interior ministry document outlines ways in which secret police dossiers with compromising

persuade politicians to back the Olszewski government. President Walesa says that the ultimate aim was to unseat him and make Mr Olszewski a temporary president. Former ministers of the Olszewski cabinet ves-

information could be used to

Russians tracked blip on radar instead of Rust

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

FIVE years after a German amateur pilot called Matthias Rust flew into Russia undetected and landed by the Kremlin, the half-hilarious, half-terrifying story of Soviet incompetence, buckpassing and confusion is being related in detail by *Pravda*.

The immediate effect of the young German's feat was the sacking of the Soviet de-fence minister and air de-fence chief, moves that Pres-ident Gorbachev had probably sought anyway. Pravda, an erstwhile mouthpiece of communism which is struggling to adapt to the Yelt-sinite world, recently credited the cheeky youth with a more astonishing feat: set-ting in motorial the destruction of the Soviet Union and

its armed forces.
Yet the charge seems unfair. The country that emerges from the pages of the Matthias Rust file is far older than Lenin's empire and will outlive it. It would have been entirely familiar to the characters in 19th-century plays like Gogol's The Government Inspector.

Mr Rust's entry into Soviet airspace from Finland was detected in good time by two radar watchers in central Asia. But Colonel Karpets, whom they informed, sat on the news on for nearly 20 minutes, terrified of a reprimand for a false alarm.

A MiG-23 interceptor was

finally sent up to find the plane, though with barely enough fuel to guide the in-truder to a safe landing. But it at least located Mr Rust and the Soviet pilot duly reported to his boss. General Kromin, that "unidentified object number 8255" was in a slow-moving light plane .
Shortly afterwards, "object 8255" somehow crossed

paths on a radar screen with a similar looking — at least, fairly similar looking — blip, which may have been a bal-loon or a cloud formation. It was the second blip that Soviet radar tracked while

Mr Rust flew on unmolested. Nobody seems to have been concerned by the fact that the second blip was bob-bing wildly at five times the height and half the speed of the light plane that the MiG pilot had observed. As the object which was not the light aircraft neared Moscow, the files show how a bevy of generals conferring in utter confusion.

Our conclusion is that it is a weather formation," declares General Gukev. reversing his equally firm conviction of two minutes earlier that weather formations were ruled out. His col-league, General Brazhnikov, suggests another theory: "Come on, try to remember how things are in the north and Lake Baikal — do geese fly for a long time?" Easily convinced, General

Gukov recalls that his col-leagues in Leningrad had identified the object as a flight of birds. We should go along with the Leningraders' decision and show solidarity," he declares, half joking. He finds it troubling that migrating birds are supsed to fly north, not south in the spring, but General Brazhnikov reassures him, insisting: "I think we will come to the conclusion that

was geese." Yes, sir, let it be that. Yes. sir," replies General Gukov, grasping at straws and bliss-fully unaware that his fateous comments will be exposed to ridicule in newspapers for years after his army and his country are dead and gone.

says Mr Tru. "In the Trans-

dnestr, the population is 28 per cent Ukrainian, 23 per

cent Russian and 41 per cent

Moldavian. There is no Rus-

sian majority. And why is it

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amato gets vote of confidence

Rome: The newly formed Italian government of the Socialist prime minister Giuliano Amato won a confidence vote in the Senate yes-terday by a slim majority (John Phillips writes).

The four-party coalition of Socialists, Christian Democrats, Liberals and Social Democrats sworn in on Sunday, ending an 84-day power vacuum, won 173 votes for, 140 against. The minimum number of votes required to win the open roll call test was 157. Signor Amato's four parties were supported by former separatists from the Alto Adige region
Signor Amato faces a sec-

ond decisive confidence vote in the chamber of deputies tomorrow, timed to enable Italy to be represented at the upcoming G7 meeting.

Arms removed

Washington: President Bush announced that the United States had completed its promised withdrawal of all ground and sea-launched tactical nuclear weapons based outside America. Mr Bush had given the pledge to do so last September.

Treaty ratified

Kiev: Ukraine's parliament has ratified the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty signed in 1990 by Nato and the former Soviet Union. The treaty covers such weapons as tanks and armoured vehicles. artillery, combat aircraft and military helicopters. (AFP)

Japanese arrive

Phnom Penh: Japanese army and navy officers arrived in Cambodia as part of a delegation charged with planning Japan's overseas military deployment. It was the first time that its officers were setting foot here since the second world war. (Reuter)

Rivals crushed

Ulan Bator: The communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party crushed its democratic opponents by winning 70 of the 76 partiamentary seats in a 56.9 per cent poll in last Sunday's election, the electoral commission announced. (Reuter)

Sex clubs shut

Manila: Alfredo Lim, the mayor of Manila, has vowed to end the city's image as one of cheap sex. Night clubs and bars in the capital have been closed, and he has warned sex dub operators and drug dealers to "get out before you are carried out". (Reuter)

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Killer jailed

Phoenix - A man, 94, who killed two neighbours in a dispute over the volume of their stereo, was jailed for more than five years. Edward Mazy, partly deaf and confined to a wheelchair, had a murder charge reduced to attempted murder. (AP)

Spy appeals

Washington: Lawyers for ionathan Pollard, who confessed to spying for Israel and was given life imprisonment. have asked the US Supreme Court to review the sentence because the Court of Appeals applied the wrong legal test to plea-bargain claim. (Reuter)

sue. But few people see any hope of avoiding a split and the federation is all but certiterday denied the authenticity fied dead. of the document.

Billy Graham crusades on with Parkinson's disease

The evangelist Billy Graham, 73, has developed Parkinson's disease, a nonfatal malady that leaves its victims with worsening tremors, stiffness and loss of movement, his spokes-

Larry Ross, in a statement issued through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis, said Mr Graham has known for about three years he has had the discase. "His early manifestations were a mild tremor that causes difficulty in handwriting and some difficulty in gait and in descending steps without a rail," Mr Ross said. "Both symptoms improved significantly with a modest amount of medication. Otherwise, he is in excellent health and will continue his normal activities. such as crusades and writing, for the foreseeable future.

Indiana Jones has fought his last battle on the big screen, according to Harrison Ford, star of the Hollywood films, who said in

Belgium that there would not be a fourth film.

President Yeltsin of Russia will pay a state visit to Finland on July 10-11, the Finnish president's office said in Helsinki.

The actor Glenn Ford, 76, had successful surgery to remove large blood clots that had been threatening his life, but is still in an intensive care unit in Los

Thailand's last elected prime minister. Chatichai Choonhavan, deposed in a military coup last year, returned to Bangkok from London but said he was reluctant to take up active politics again ahead of elec-

tions scheduled for September 13.

Israel's housing minister, Ariel Sharon, 64, is having hospital checks in Tel Aviv after suffered severe pain from kidney stones, a docSpain's best-loved flamenco singer, Camaron de la Isla, has died of lung can-cer in a Barcelona clinic, doctors said. He was 41.

A Japanese newspaper poll said that most Japanese believe Emperor Akihito should visit China this year despite concerns among ruling Liberal Democrats that it could cause Tokyo

China's atomic bomb pio neer, Qian Sanqiang, has died in Peking of a heart attack, aged 79, the semi-official China News Service

political embarrassment.

Queen Beatrix of Holland will visit Scotland in August with her husband Prince Claus.

The former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos made a 63rd birthday pledge to co-operate with newly-installed President Ramos and said she hoped to settle her court cases with his government

FLYING into Kishinev from Moldavians feel that the world is only Moscow used to be something akin to arriving in Bordeaux from London: a little provincial, a little noisy, but balmy, colourful and Latin in feel. As of ten days ago, how-

ever, this city of parks and Castel architecture has been touched by war.
After dark, suburban streets are deserted. At best, half the lighting is switched on. A petrol shortage threatens. The gas supply has been cut; the pipeline runs through

the Transdnester region, loyai to Moscow. In the central market. young men in new khaki uniforms stride through the cherry sellers to shake hands with former schoolmates and bid them farewell. They are

oll to fight. The town of Bendery is only 25 miles from Kishinev. In London or Moscow it would hardly be beyond the outer reaches of the city. Even here, in this new state barely 70 miles wide, it is just down the road. For the people of Kishinev, it means that armed

conflict will come to them Some are sanguine. "If we want our independence, we are going to have to fight for it. We must be prepared to pay the cost," says a Moldavian taxi driver in flawless Russian. Others are near panic. "We never imagined it

listening to Russia and not to them, Mary Dejevsky writes from Kishinev

Moldavia launches propaganda fight

vians are just not a war-like nation. We have done anyone any harm," says a ministerial assistant. The events which led to the recent deaths in Bendery

comprise a sequence of longstanding resentments, unleashed frustrations, and vast quantities of military hard-ware that all came together just as the Moldavians thought they were securing peace. Now, with several hundred dead, more injured and self-righteous calls to Kishinev from Moscow to observe the ceasefire agreed in Istanbul, Moldavians feel that the world is not listening and is hearing only Russia, the new

This is why Ion Costas, the defence minister, agreed to see me. It is why the foreign minister, Nicolae Tiu, also made time to see me and why President Snegur took time to answer questions from Moldavian and foreign reporters. Moldavia wants its message to be heard directly, not through the filter of Mos-cow. Russia, Kishinev claims, has its own interests to defend, and they include keeping the small strip of land on the left bank of the Dnester would come to war. Moida- even though, under the agree-



what the Moldavian foreign minister calls the "vacuum of disinformation" which Moldavia cannot counter. Another is through the presence of the 14th army without which, the Moldavian detence minister asserts, the self-proclaimed republic of Transdnestr would fail.

with Russia that comes ever closer to outright war is not ethnic as Moscow would have the world believe, but political about control and power.

Commonwealth of Independent States, this territory belongs to Moldavia. One way in which Russia defends its interest is through

Moldavians deny that thier

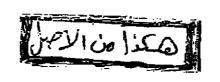
For Kishinev, the dispute "Just look at the figures,"

that Moldavians and Russians and Ukrainians live happily side by side in the rest of Moldavia where threequarters of Russians live?" The reason given by every Moldavian is that Transdnestr has been cultivated, first by Soviet conservatives, now by Russia, to guard its strategic interests and make life difficult for the westwardlooking Moldavians. They note that heavy industry is concentrated in the Transdnestr, that most enterprises, educational establishments and administrative bodies are headed by Russians with

> country is being helped militarily by Romania. "This is a tissue of lies," snorted President Snegur yesterday. "just another pretext for Russia to keen a hold on Transdnestr." His defence minister concurs. That said, there is no dis-

Moldavians in a tiny minor-

guising Moldavia's leaning towards Romania and the contempt for Russia. On the central square anti-Russian posters and cartoons adom the railings. "Soviet Russia." appeals a huge red and white banner, "stop the aggression. Leave us in peace."



Handpicked judges abandon the anti-abortion lobby



O'Connor: accused of being in wimp block

heard on the steps of the Supreme Court in Washington earlier this week as antiabortion campaigners realised that three conservative justices had voted to uphold the historic 1973 Roe v Wade ruling that first en-shrined abortion as a constiutional right

Sandra Day O'Connor, David Souter and Anthony Kennedy, the three justices, altered the scripts conservatives thought they had been given when chosen by Ron-ald Reagan and George Bush to serve on the Supreme Court bench. The three are now being called the court's "wimp block" by conservatives angry at what they see as a berrayal.

For the past 12 years, the Republican White House has been trying to build a

The White House is finding that it has confused conservative jurisprudence with conservative convictions, writes Jamie Dettmer from Washington

Marshall, both now retired.

Justice Harry Blackmun,

83, who is the sole remain-

ing Supreme Court member

of the original Roe v Wade

majority, mused privately to

friends that it was odd he

was now considered a liber-

al. "It is the court that has

shifted, not me," he said. He complained bitterly, and

again privately, about Clar-

ence Thomas's appointment and has been proved right in

solid right-wing majority in the Supreme Court. The fierce Democratic reaction to President Bush's nomination of Clarence Thomas as a justice last autumn was a last-ditch attempt to prevent the establishment of a working conservative majority in the court.

When the black federal judge was appointed, despite the allegations against him by a law professor of sexual harassment, the liberals were downcast and could see years of reactionary court rulings ahead that would quickly destroy Roe v Wade

seeing the Bush-appointed justice as just a creature of Justice Antonin Scalia, the most right-wing Supreme Coun member. Pity Nino (Scalia's nickname) has two votes." Justice Blackmun said recently. In 86 per cent and undermine general libof cases, Justice Thomas has eral precedents established concurred with Justice by the court under the lead-Scalia, a ership of Justices William appointment. Brennan and Thurgood

The court's abortion decision was a rude shock to Republicans and confirmed the 1991-92 Supreme Court as the conservative revolution that wasn't. "The court is the dog that didn't bark." Alan Slobodin, a lawyer with the conservative Washington Legal Foundation, said.

A series of rulings last week gave the first inkling that the centre of gravity in the court had shifted from the right to the centre. Justices O'Connor, Kennedy and Souter joined the liberals. Justices Blackmun and John Stevens, in banning prayers at school graduation ceremonies and in rejecting a Bush administration attempt to make it harder for defendants to appeal to federal courts against state court convictions. "There has been a realignment to the centre that takes from the solid conservative court we thought we had," Paul Kamenar, executive director

Foundation, said. The so-called wimp block has been accused by conservatives of being swayed by popular sentiment. That is not true. The block's judicial philosophy is in fact conservative. They believe in the stability of the law and are unhappy about overturning

of the Washington Legal

previous court decisions without good legal reasons. The Reagan and Bush administrations made the mistake of confusing conservative judicial philosophy with conservative convictions. The realignment has also

received considerable momentum from personality dashes. "The centre trio are increasingly shifting away from the four right-wing justices - William Rehnquist. Scalia, Thomas and Byron White - because they are embarrassed by them," a Supreme Court clerk says. They just do not like the company of those four. They were also mortified by Clarence Thomas's appointment, which they considered

The prickly and aggressive Justice Scalia has not helped in soothing the tensions. He

ing: "What's a bright man like me doing in a place like this?" Justice O'Connor upbraided him about the comment. He has even ruffled the feathers of his erstwhile ally, Justice White. He said in court recently that he would quote from one of Justice White's opinions something one does not of-

ten bother to do." According to court sources, Justice Souter was intending to vote against Roe, but was persuaded to back a constitutional abortion right by former Justice William Brennan, who retired from the court two years ago because of ill health. Monday's decision came after intense negotiations between Justice Blackmun and the newly emerging middle block.

Bush accuses Democrats of resorting to dirty tricks

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE White House yesterday accused Bill Clinton and the Democratic party of resorting to dirty tricks worthy of Watergate as the 1992 presidential campaign grew ever more

"First Perot, now the Democrats. The 'Plumbers' are back," declared Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, after it was disclosed that the Democrats had hired private investigators to search for damaging information on President Bush. The "Plumbers" were the Nixon administration's team of covert operators who broke into the Democratic national committee's sixth floor headquarters in the Watergate building.

The disclosure in The Washington Post delighted the White House, which had managed last week to stall Ross Perors recent surge in the opinion polls by locusing attention on the Texan ty-coon's use of private investigators. With Mr Clinton beginning to recover in the polls, the White House, eager to distract attention from

California forced to use IOUs

By MARTIN FLETCHER

CALIFORNIA, technically bankrupt and suffering its worst economic shimp since the Depression, has been compelled to start paying its bills with IOUs. This last happened in 1936.

Extreme action became necessary after Pete Wilson, the Republican governor, and the Democrats who control the legislature, failed to agree on ways to resolve a \$10.7 billion (E5.9 billion) budget shortfall before the new fiscal year began on Wednesday. State law demands a balanced budget.

Mr Wilson said America's largest state was "running on empty", and called the deficit a "national disgrace". Officials warned that unless the sixmonth impasse was resolved quickly California would have to issue roughly 800,000 IOUs worth about \$1.5 billion before the month's end. In a week the state will start paying its 274,000 employ-ces with IOUs. Banks have said that they will not honour

the IOUs for long.
This caps a year in which California has suffered riots, earthquakes, fires, floods and droughts, and symbolises the dramatic reversal of fortunes of the so-called Golden State. It has lost about 600,000 jobs since 1990 and its defence industries have been hit by the end of the Cold war.

Compounding the problems is the vehement opposition of California's 27 million inhabitants to any form of tax increase. Last year Mr Wilson agreed with the Democrats to raise taxes by \$7 billion to close a \$14 billion budget deficit, but was so vilified that he pledged to veto any such increases this time round. He advocated big spending cuts. particularly in education, but Democrats wanted a combination of moderate spending cuts and tax increases. There is little hope of a speedy resolution, and both sides are banking on the other losing

more economic bad news yes-

terday, wasted no time ex-ploiting this opportunity. Mr Fitzwater's highlycharged comment was offered without any prompting from reporters. President Bush himself, during a visit to Capitol Hill, was equally forthright "Let them muck around in my garbage can, but they aren't going to find anything." According to the Post, the Democratic national committee was spending \$30,000 (£16,000) on private investigations "in a wide-ranging effort to find information that might undermine President Bush's record - including delving into the president's personal finances and looking for possible improprieties in government dealings with Bush

ग्वेशरू किशाहरों के प्रेयर्थन The report said that the Democrats believed that the administration's past dealings with Mr Bush's family could prove particularly fertile ground, especially its han-dling of the 1988 closure of the bankrupt Silverado Savings and Loan Company whose directors had included the president's son, Neil Bush. It has long been alleged that the closure was delayed until after the 1988 election to avoid President Bush any political embarrassment.

The Democrats acknowledged hiring two firms of investigators but denied any impropriety. "We hired the firms to look into the largest financial scandal in our nation's history," a spokeswom-an said. "There are legitimate questions as to whether the Bush administration provided preferential treatment to members of the Bush family in the Silverado case."

Mr Bush insisted yesterday that the Republicans would stay out of the sleaze business", but in truth both parties devote huge resources to what is known as "opposition research". It was the Republicans who pioneered the practice by digging up dirt on Geraldine Ferraro, the vicepresidential candidate, and her husband, in 1984, and exploited the Willie Horton affair that undermined Mich-

ael Dukakis in 1988. Mr Clinton, meanwhile, is reported to have narrowed his list of potential running-mates to four, with Senator Al Gore of Tennessee and Congressman Lee Hamilton of Indiana as the frontrunners. The other two are Harris Wofford, the surprise winner of last autumn's Pennsylvania Senate by election, and Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey who had also sought the presidential nomination earlier this year. Mr Gore and Mr Hamilton have both provided Mr Clinton with finanical and other personal records. Mr Hamilton confirmed that he was "very in-terested" and had had a

meeting with Mr Climon. • Los Angeles: US Navy commanders in 1955 said that Mr Perot was too immature to be a career officer after he had requested an early discharge. But their comments were stricken from his record, the Los Angeles Times

reported yesterday. Rear Admiral J. C. Daniel. commander of destroyer forces in the Atlantic fleet, wrote that Lieutenant Perot "is too immature to be entrusted with the leadership responsibilities inherent in sea dury". Mr Perot was a graduate of the US Naval Academy. (AP)

Last squatters evicted in Kowloon

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

THE Kowloon Walled City. Hong Kong's once teaming den of drug addicts, prosti-tures and criminals, stands empty this morning, for the second time in its 94-year

Enclosed in a newly erected fence where the famous wall once stood, its deserted build-ings await the demolition teams. Eventually the site will be turned into a park.

Scores of riot police yester day moved in with shields and chibs to evict the last remaining squatters from a hastily-crected encampment on the perimeter. They occupied a small Buddhist temple at the entrance and surrounded about 20 former Walled City residents who had made their homes in on the pavement since being evicted from the interior six months ago. Ten people had to be dragged from their kerbside dwellings, many of them struggling, and one woman was arrested for assaulting a government

They were the last to go. On Wednesday, in a nine-hour operation, six households were forcibly removed from their homes in the final section of the city to be cleared while . others: left: peacefully, though with obvious reluctance.

Under the original lease, garrison from the old Qing Dynasty fort on the site and the seven-acre Walled City remained beyond British jurisdiction. But when the garrison was finally ejected a few years later. Britain chose not to develop or police the area for fear of offending Peking. For more than 80 years, the labyrinthine streets of the City were a no-man's land beyond the control of either govern-

Soon squatters — escapees from Chinese or British justice and taxes - moved in. They received no services or rights, but lived in squalour until they were driven out by the Japanese. But after the surrender of the Japanese empire, the squatters came back in force

In another milestone today Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, the outgoing governor, flies out of the British colony for the last time this evening leaving his successor, Chris Patten, to take over the reins of power at one of the most difficult and sensitive periods in the territory's 150-year history. Lord Wilson will leave with full ceremonial honours but the verdict on his five years in

power is still open. Undoubtedly an efficient administrator, with a detailed grasp of every aspect of policy. he presided over boom years interrupted only briefly by the the consequences of the 1989 upheavals in China. But for



Strongarm tactics: a young girl grapples with a policewoman trying to evict her yesterday from Hong Kong's Walled City. The site will be turned into a park

many his tenure was a disaster, which allowed China to extend its power over Hong Kong and crush all hope of democratic reform in a colony Britain has ruled as a benevolent dictatorship.

His detractors say he failed to stand up for the develop-ment of parliamentary democracy, and his constant fear of pushing China too far soon taught the authorities in Peking that Hong Kong could be intimidated and

brought to heel. He was, in the words of a retired senior civil servant John Walden, "the best governor of Hong Kong China ever had".

He won friends in the colony with his pressure in London for full United Kingdom passports for all 3.2 million Hong Kong British citizens, his support for the environment and his ambitious proposal for a new airport, conceived as a move to boost morale in Hong Kong

However the airport backfired seriously, leaving Pe-king with the power to veto the project by the simple expedient of scaring away international investors. China could thus blackmail Britain into conceding valuable bargaining points and sending John Major on an official visit to Peking at a time when China had barely come in from the diplomatic cold.

'Security man' was **Boudiaf** assassin

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN ALGIERS

DETAILS being leaked about the assassination of Muhammad Boudiaf suggest that it was the result of an intricate conspiracy.

Algeria's military backed a claim by the authorities that the assassin, a sub-lieutenant in the counter-espionage services, was one of the president's bodyguards whose unit was on duty when Mr Boudiaf visited eastern Algeria on Monday. Unconfirmed reports said the assassin had confessed, claiming that he was acting from religious

conviction. "Boudiaf was a communist and an enemy of Islam." one newspaper quoted him as saying. Another newspaper identified him as a 26-year-old from the town of Meskiana, a fundamentalist stronghold in the east of Algeria. The newspaper said that one of his schoolteachers, Ali Djeddi, was among the leaders of the fundamentalist Muslim party, the Islamic Salvation Front, who had been jailed.

"The man [alleged assas sin] was a closet fundamen-talist," said a former government official. "He was acting on his own and the secret services have not been infiltrated."

The zeal with which the authorities are pushing the theory of a lone Islamic assassin has led to suspicion here that the regime is trying to cover up details. The popular view is that Mr Boudial was killed on orders from the "mafia" - government offici-als and managers of public enterprises who have been stealing from the state for the past 30 years.

Some estimates say that as much as \$26 billion (£13.6 billion), the size of Algeria's foreign debt, has been siphoned off by corrupt offici-als who saw Mr Boudiaf's anti-corruption drive as a threat to their privileges.

First-hand accounts of the assassination suggest that it involved several people. Witnesses said a gunman in police uniform stepped from behind a curtain on the stage where Mr Boudial was speak ing and fired two shots into the president. The bodyguards recognised him as one of them and hesitated before shooting. Moments later a second gunman fired on officials in the front row of the

hall, injuring 41 people.

Mr Boudiars family has demanded a full enquiry. "It was a setpiece assassination, prepared in advance," said one of Mr Boudias's sons. "Everyone has to know who killed him and why."

De Klerk appeals for joint summit

IN PRETORIA

PRESIDENT de Klerk yesterday accused the African National Congress (ANC) of aiming to seize power in South Africa and said that his government would not toler-

"The ANC is fabricating reasons to break off negotia-tions and to cause an artifical crisis," he said in a national radio address. "This is because it and its allies . . . have decided to follow their own agenda for the seizure of power. This will not be tolerated." He appealed for calm, saying: We will not allow our country to become ungovernable."

He appealed to Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party to join him in a summit to address fundamental issues". He said the meeting could consider a joint monitoring body for the violence and a possible observer role for the international community.

In his radio address. Mr de Klerk said the government was irrevocably committed to a peaceful and negotiated solution and "will do anything which may be necessary to ensure such an outcome"

Yesterday South African police told an enquiry into the Boipatong township massacre that the killing was carried out by up to 300 inmates of a nearby workers' hostel, a known stronghold of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The ANC told Judge Richard Goldstone that it was having difficulty getting witnesses to talk about the June 17 killing of 43 men, women and children, which has caused a political impasse. The ANC has broken off talks with the government in protest at alleged collusion between security forces and Inkatha at Boipatong.

Tokyo Sexwale, an ANC regional leader, whose movement initially accused police of helping the killers, produced no evidence to support the charge. He said the important point was not "who pulled the trigger", but why the government had failed to prevent the massacre from happening.

A senior policeman, Major Christo Davidson, said there was no evidence of involvement by any political group. He said that the main cause for the attack was rivalry between the ANC and Inkatha, adding that several inkatha members had been murdered the fortnight before. "This resulted in an extremely hostile attitude of hostel residents towards township residents," he said.

Star-crossed Japanese surrender to the celebrity sell

JELLY Madonna, a coffee shop in the sleepy town of Wajima, had served foreign customers only once in the past three years. So when an Englishwoman walked in recently and asked for a cup of tea the place was thrown into pandemonium.

"Most definitely and with great pleasure. I am proceeding with your honourable order at once," hazarded a young waiter, having trouble suppressing a burst of nervous giggles. Rushing off to give his colleagues the extraordinary news that "it speaks Japanese", he sauntered back wearing a beatif-ic expression and a fresh apron. "If I may be so impolife as to mention it, we have all just realised that you are Jodie Foster," he said. "We are unbearably happy to be

honoured with your visit."

and turned for encourage-

He performed a crisp bow

Joanna Pitman ordered a cup of tea in Wajima, Japan, and was transformed into actress Jodie Foster

ment to the gaggle of waiters and chefs whose grinning faces peered round the door of the kitchen. Perplexed but secretly rather flattered, the foreigner broke the news of her humble, glamour-free newspaper profession and the crestfallen staff retreated behind a glass door, still determined to scrutinise every movement of their cap-tive foreigner, even if they had to admit that her only resemblance to the Hollywood star lay in the pallor of

When it comes to foreign celebrities, the Japanese have a passion that is irre-pressible if not discerning. Foster has yet to lend her face to boost sales of Japanese toothpaste or tractor tyres, but many others have been lured with lavish contracts to smile from posters or television screens and endorse anything from nap-

pies to noodles Daniel Day Lewis has recently been spotted on television plugging Denali. a range of cosmetics for men. Seated beside a gurgling brook of a kind seldom seen naturally in Japan, a freshfaced Day Lewis has only to intone two words. "It's pure," he assures Japanese

mankind. Pure profit, one might add. While not yet in the

same league as Eddie Mur-phy, paid \$3 million (£1.6 million) for 15 seconds. Day Lewis is reputed to have earned a sum every bit as handsome as his face. Sean Connery has trig-gered a storm in his native

Scotland for being so unpatriotic as to advertise Suntory whisky. Sacrilegious as this may sound. Connery has banked colossal sums for five or six seconds of sipping a 12-year Suntory on television, effectively reversing the decades-long efforts of the Scotch whisky industry to get into the Japanese whisky market.

Last week Mickey Rourke took the remunerative prospects of foreign celebrities one step further when he appeared in a Tokyo boxing match against an unknown Indian, for which he is said to have been paid \$1 million. Kirk Douglas sniffs



Foster: waiters were unbearably happy

instant coffee on posters across the country, and Charles Bronson splashes himself with Mandom aftershave. Sophia Loren straddles a Honda and Olivia Hussey pouts with lips coloured by Kanebo.

surreptitious snoozing over the export promotions statistics for Japan's hardworking salarymen. Having developed the ability to drop off to sleep in any situation, the perpetually weary salaryman can no longer nap with impunity because a rather unsporting com-pany called LossGen has developed an electronic device designed to keep dozy workers on their toes.

Worn on the hand, the machine contains a sensor in a linger ring which sets off an alarm on the wrist if the finger stops moving. people doze off it is the fingers which stop moving first, said Kozo Yamada. LossGen's president. "The device is for office workers. drivers and students, who underperform because they keep falling asleep."

Riddle of a birth date

Ben Macintyre on a row about the sphinx's age

rchaeologists have a knack of under-mining historians, to the satisfaction of the former and the frustration of the latter. For while a newly discovered document usually supplements existing historical "truths", archaeological finds, backed by sophisticated new technology, tend to demolish them. It is the point at which the art and the science of

history collide.

In the latest such collision, Egyptologists are divided over a discovery which threatens a complete revision of the discipline itself and centres on the most famous symbol of ancient Egypt: the inscrutable face of the sphinx. Scholars have hitherto believed that the Sphinx of Giza was built by an Old Kingdom Pharoah named Chephren (or Khafre) in about 2500 BC. an assumption based on the supposed resemblance between the sphinx's weather-beaten features and the face of a perfectly-preserved statue of Chephren in a Cairo museum. The great flowering of Egyptian culture is dated from about 3000 BC, and the sphinx is taken to be its acme. The man who has challenged and possibly destroyed that view is neither a historian nor an archaeologist, but a New York policeman.

ast year Detective Frank Domingo, senior forensic artist with the New York Police Department, travelled to Egypt with a team of experts. Following police procedures normally used to identify criminals or people whose faces have been unrecognisably damaged. he produced an artist's impression of how the sphinx would have looked before rain and wind (and vandals) eroded its facial features. Mr Domingo then compared his picture with the facial structure of the Chephren statue, and after reviewing various drawings, schematics and measurements, concluded: "If the ancient Egyptians were skilled technicians and capable of duplicating images, then these two works cannot represent the same individual."

A comparison of Mr Domingo's two pictures shows that the sphinx had a slight double chin, while the Chephren statue had a longer nose and more prominent forehead. The sphinx, announced the detective, was a victire of mistaken identity. But if the sphinx is not Chephren, then who is it, and more importantly, when was it constructed? Domingo's findings are backed up by a growing team of scientists, who argue that the sphinx is thousands of years older than traditionally believed.

A Boston University geologist, Dr Robert M. Schoch, has shown that the weathering on the sphinx is more extreme than on other limestone structures of the Old Kingdom period. Rain was the principal cause of decay, and if the sphinx was made earlier, when the climate was damper, that would explain its more ravaged state. Dr Schoch argues that an earlier civilisation was responsible for carving the vast statue, at some time between 5000 and 7000 BC, Chephren merely adding finishing touches.

is theory has been supported by geophysicists from Houston, led by Dr Thomas L. Dobecki, who used sound waves developed for measuring earthquake tremors to penetrate the limestone floor around the sphinx. He concluded that the sphinx's face and flanks are twice as weather-beaten as its rump and were therefore carved much earlier. "Protound technical knowledge went into building the sphinx." wrote Egyptologist John Anthony West in The New York Times recently. "If the revisionist theory is correct, this implies that pre-Egyptian culture was more sophisticated than we ever imagined and that our ideas about social evolution and world history will need radical overhauling."

The new theory has been greeted with scepticism by Lord Renfrew, Master of Jesus College and professor of archaeology at Cambridge, whose own archaeological discoveries overturned many established theories. He questions the methods used so far. "If you're going to say the sphinx represents an earlier civilisation. you need a more accurate measurement than weathering on limestone," he says. But the has to implement the European evidence for a civilisation that predates the ruling on the same retirement pharoahs is mounting, and traditionalists and age for men and women: Transrevolutionaries are preparing to do battle. And if port seeks greater liberalisation the new findings do revise all our ideas about of European air traffic. Trade ancient Egypt, then the last remaining riddle of and Industry presses for complethe sphinx may be solved.

Lord Alexander warns that the EC's concept of subsidiarity is far too vague for the English courts

John Major seeks to keep this country at the heart of Europe and yet to protect us against a monster European superstate. This approach is

superstate. This approach is right and courageous, but its success will depend on the strength of its legal foundation.

Our battle cry in Europe used to be the protection of our sovereignty. The arguments were often emotional and imprecises Some used to say European cise. Some used to say European law would not change our do-mestic law at all. Others feared that the oncoming tide of Euro-legication would envelop and subinarge our shores.

However, we did pool some aspects of our sovereignty, especially in economic areas. Sovereignty in financial markets is an illusory concept, at any rate if we define it as the ability to control the world in which we live. In a world of trade and monetary flows, we are not complete masters of our own exchange rates or economic growth or mone-tary policy. We can influence it strongly by our own domestic actions, but more strongly as part of a large trade grouping. By the European Communi-ties Act of 1972 and the Single

European Act of 1986,

Pinning Europe down accepted European law as domi-nant in the areas of their competence, so as to be a part of

such a grouping and drive forward to the single market. Our pooling of sovereignty was hard-headed and a recognition of where our advantage lay.
Its effect is that in those areas the Community is not simply an association of member states or an inter-governmental organis-

ation: European law is superior to and overrides our national law. The European Court of Justice has described these enactments as a "definitive limitation of sovereign rights". Withdrawal from the Community is a legal option, but for most of us unthinkable. The position of defence, for-

eign affairs and internal security is different. They are outside the remit of the Treaty of Rome, and are inter-governmental. This was one of the achievements of our government in the negotia-tions leading up to Maastricht. The concept of subsidiarity

of European institutions to interpret the extent of their own law-making powers. It is a counterpoint to the limited surrender of sovereignty, reinforc-ing and clarifying the limita-tions. As Jacques Delors himself has said, there is "a natural tendency of the centre to accumulate power". The subsidiarity principle is the countervailing force to this tendency. In simple terms, it marks the boundary beyond which the Commission

shall not pass.

Such a doctrine needs to be firm and clear. But is it? Lord Mackenzie-Stuart, former president of the European Court of Justice, has said that the Maastricht Treaty embodies two opposite concepts of subsidiarity. Some lawyers think it confuses three such concepts (the tests of absolute necessity, of more effective attainment, and of better attainment), hardly a promising start to the search for legal

be sensitive to the wish of nations to avoid over-centralisation. But there is always a danger that courts of centralised communities will gradually adjust their vision to focus more sympathetically upon the con-cerns of central authorities than on those of member states. Popular opinion and fashion change, and there is no guarantee that all countries will always be so conscious of national

rights and cultures as they are

today. Courts are influenced by

fashions, as the ebb and flow of

the tide in America's Supreme Court has often shown, most recently over abortion. So we cannot simply trust the court to be forever vigilant to preserve the rights of states. But over and above this there are grave legal doubts about the way court might approach the subsidiarity doctrine. Only recently, Professor John Usher warned the parliamentary select

committee on the European

Community that the court may well say that subsidiarity is "non-justiciable". He also said: "If the Council wants to do it, the Court is unlikely to

David Vaughan, QC. and David Anderson, leading spe-cialists in European law, told the committee the new principle is "almost incapable of any exact definition or application" and will be "the cause of much litigation and uncertainty".

In any event, courts are tradi-tionally reluctant to interfere with administrative decisions. Despite the extension of the reach of administrative law over the last 25 years, the English courts do not second-guess deci-sions, but limit themselves to deciding solely whether the deci-sion-makers have acted within the ambit of their reasonable powers. The courts are con-cerned with the legality and nor the broad merits of the decision. Nor is this an abdication of judicial responsibility. The func-

tion of a court under separation of powers is to restrain decisionmakers within the ambit of their constitutional powers, not to substitute its own view of the administrative issues involved That would be to usurp the role of the executive.

So a general doctrine of sub-sidiarity is not enough to give clarity to the law and comfort the member states. We need and there are precedents for this in written constitutions - demarcation lines and definitions that establish which areas are for national as opposed to central action. Administrative pro-cedural guidelines are not enough unless they meet the test of clarity and are given the force of law. The law must be a rock upon which a citizen may safely set his foot.

Subsidiarity is at the moment but a shifting and swirling sand. The admirable balance Mr Major seeks needs a clear. precise protocol. This, rather than a referendum, can truly reassure us that we are right to be at the heart of Europe.

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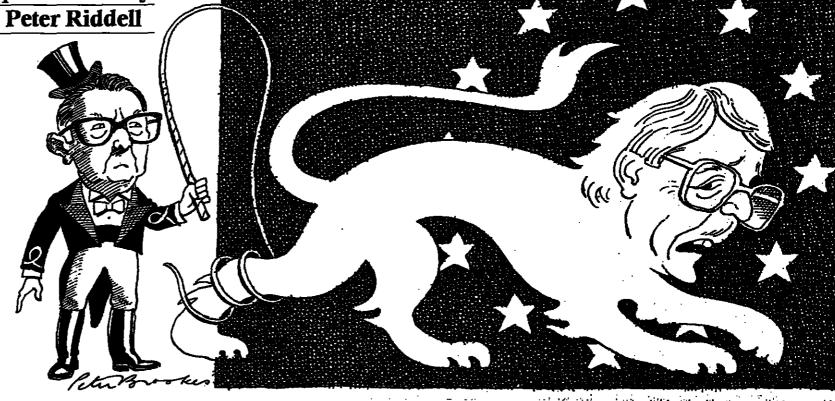
Whitehall's lion loses its roar

Despite appearances, Brussels already has the upper hand in key policy areas, says Peter Riddell

he way Britain is governed has changed. Television news this week showed Jacques Delors and other European commissioners travelling to London to hear ministers talk about Britain's plans for its presidency of the community. The intended impression was that John Major had taken charge to sort out the Eurocrats. The British lion was about to raise its claws, if not to roar, which would not be Mr Major's style. The reality is the opposite. Brussels has the initiative. Forget last night's warning about the dangers of the Maastricht agreement from Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven in her maiden speech — "I have never knowingly made an uncontroversial speech in my life." What-ever happens this autumn over the treaty, the EC already per-meates life in Whitehall.

A recurrent phrase in almost every conversation I have with senior civil servants is "nobody realises how much time we spend dealing with the EC," One permanent secretary is now regarded by 'his colleagues as a born-again Euro-bore, always complaining about Brussels after a ruling from the EC forced his department into reviewing a central plank of social policy, at a cost of a few billion pounds.

If you stroll around the Whitehall village, you can gauge the impact. The Foreign Office and Agriculture and Fisheries are dominated by EC affairs; the Home Office resists pressure to dismantle internal border controls: Employment battles over the working time and parental leave directives; Social Security tion of both the Uruguay round



of the Gatt talks and the single market; and Environment argues about fair implementation FC directives.

The Treasury faces the greatest constraints. Seldom can a chancellor of the exchequer have had less freedom of manoeuvre than Norman Lamont has now. On monetary policy, his hands are tied by Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism. That will be credible as an anti-inflationary discipline only if governments stick to current parities. There has been talk about reducing interest rates to below German levels, but nobody in Whitehall believes there is room for more than a very small cut in rates. A unilateral devaluation might risk higher, rather than lower, interest rates. Fiscal policy is also in a straitjacket, since public borrowing has risen sharply. About two-thirds of the

increase reflects the recession, but a third is the result of the pre-election relaxation of spending controls, and the government wants to reduce borrowing below the limits in the European guidelines. So almost all options are closed.

Mr Lamont is in the unenviable position of the man promising for the third or fourth time that the cheque is in the post. He did not incur the original debt. but he is being blamed for the late payment. Tory MPs are becoming restless about the deferred hopes of recovery.

The chancellor's flexibility in

fixing indirect taxes is also restricted. Mr Lamont this week had to concede the principle that the EC can set a minimum 15 per cent rate of Vat, although the directive is limited to tour years and requires unanimity to be reimposed. The decision also makes little practical difference, since the British largely unappreciated shift in food and children's clothing

The implications are, however, the same as those that arose last week with Gillian Shephard's negotiations over the working time directive. However hard-fought, and unavoidable the compromise on any specific issue, most key decisions now have to be taken in an EC context. No wonder Mrs Shephard has been brushing up her French. Fluency in negotiations with EC counterparts will be as important a part of the life of an employment secretary as beer and sandwiches with trade union leaders was 20 years ago. These changes are largely because of the single market, and will be little altered by the Maastricht treaty.

The ever-widening remit of the EC has contributed to a

nance of the Treasury is under challenge. Not only is its room for discretion on macroeconomic policy restricted by the ERM, but the Bank of England is relishing the prospect of wielding greater authority in any moves towards an independent central bank. The

Treasury's traditional powers are also threatened, and it is fighting back. The Treasury has sought to limit decentralisation of control over spending and pay negotiations to the new executive agencies in the "Next Steps" initiative, and has imposed controls on local

The arrival of Mr Major as prime minister has, paradoxically, posed a challenge to the Treasury. Although over exchange-rate policy Mrs That-

rate is 17½ per cent and exempthe balance of power within. Treasury in the late 1980s, on tions have already been won for Whitehall. The previous domitother issues she fixed up decisions with her chancellors. Despite Mr Major's sympathies with the Treasury, his premiership has seen a revival of cabinet government, or rather of departmental government. Ministers now feel able to assert themselves against either Number Ten or the Treasury. This year's spending review will show how far the Treasury can reassert its control.

The old textbooks about Whitehall and Treasury dominance will have to be rewritten. Instead, we are seeing a diffusion of power. Baroness Thatcher may fulminate against Brussels, but she allowed the incursions to happen. Her speech yesterday was as much an admission of having conceded powers as a protest against Maastricht



...and moreover

Then the police break down the door, I shall be ready. Even as their head-lock closes, my em-purpling throat will gurgle the explanation that I am writing a book on suburban guttering. Since my birthday last Satur-day, my working life has under-

gone a major change: the unworking part of it has ex-panded by a factor of 10 x 25. This is what is written on the flank of the new binoculars which my wife gave me for that birthday. No ordinary binoculars either, but pocket ones, captivatingly titchy, which come, moreover, with their own pocket. a looped pouch that affixes to your belt and snaps open at the touch of a thumb to its Velcro fastening. With prac-tice, you can do the business in a single smooth movement thumb swings up. flap snaps open, fingers pluck out binoculars, still-flowing swing sweeps binoculars up to eyes, whole world is 10x nearer. A top binocular-slinger could probably get this down to under a second: if Wyatt Earp had had a pair the gunfight at the OK Corral would have been finished 10x quicker, he would have spotted the lurking Clantons while they were still buckling their holsters on

My wife did not of course buy them so I could go to Tombstone, she bought them so I could go to Lord's, where they will collaborate with the earphoned radio which I already fix to my belt, and thereby make live cricket almost as good as television. Since, however. I also fix to my belt the pouch containing the Swiss army knife I need to de-cork bottles, open tins, slice cheese, peel fruit and do all the other things Swiss soldiers do at Test matches, there may be a problem: the next time I take my jacket off, the crowd will see a man girt with packages, one with wires hanging out, and may well conclude, given the times we live in, that the man is about to explode himself, leading to no end of alarm, confusion and serious professional embarrassment to commentators unable to recall the last time a human bomb stopped play. Still, should this happen and

some hysterical steward be disposed to call the police, all fears posed to call the ponce, an lears will instantly be allayed. "Oh, him?" they will say. "Don't worry about him, he's writing a

book on suburban guttering."
For the fact is that I have been wearing the binoculars since Saturday (what grown man wouldn't?), with the result that they sit on my hip as I hack, up here in the loft, with the further result that I now hack 10x less than usual Hitherto, distractions have been limited by my vision, so that my attention was unable to wander further than the end of my garden; now, however, it is able to wander not only to the ends of gardens 10x further away, it is able to wander beyond Cricklewood altogether. With the flick of a thumb, I can be on the balcony of a tower block in Hendon, oh look, that

woman is watering a window-

box, I wonder what her relationship is with the bloke painting the railings of the flat next door, they seem to have a bit of a giggle, hallo, they have both nipped inside, funny, he's only just started that job, shall I get on with this sentence or wait to see if she draws her curtains... It cannot last. We have all seen the films. We know what

sun does on binoculars. It glints on them. Soon after it glints on them, two things happen to a canyon: the echo of a shot rings round it, and a man with binoculars falls into it. I do not say that matters would exactly follow this pattern in Cricklewood, but we can discount neither the echo of a truncheon ringing binoculars falling into the local paper, he looked normal to us. say neighbours, just shows you. All of which may explain why Minolta include with their instructions a questionnaire for the recipient to complete and return. This wants to know not only my name, address, age, sex, profession, income and favour-ite newspaper, but also what prompted me to buy binoculars.

proceedings.
Alternatively, it might just have something to do with marketing in which case, do not be surprised if you open our feworation pages and do favourite newspaper any day now to see a Minolta advert declaring that its binoculars are de rigueur for anyone writing a book on suburban guttering.

Clearly, they are giving me the pre-emptive chance to mark my

own card, in the event of court

Peace in The Times

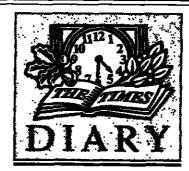
JOHN KENNEDY, the 27-yearold former Tory parliamentary candidate, is already being hailed as the Kissinger of Yugoslavia after being singled out by the leader of the Bosnian Serbs for his help in bringing about the latest peace initative. Kennedy was named in the ceasefire letter in The Times this week by Dr Radovan Karadzic as one of two Western Europeans most influential in the peace process. The other was President Mitterrand.

While Lord Carrington has been leading high-profile EC peace missions to Belgrade, Kennedy has been working quietly behind the scenes. He has been to Yugoslavia 12 times in the past year, and has had access to Slobodan Milosevic, "the hammer of the Croats", as well as all the opposition leaders.

Kennedy, who contested Barking for the Tories at the election. but lost, is a distant relative of the exiled Yugoslav royal family, and fluent in Serbian. Now running a public relations company, he is flattered by the reference. "I am pleased if I have been of some use. Because I do not represent any vested interest, what I say is regarded as impartial."

One of his greatest diplomatic services came last year, when the foreign affairs select committee, led by David Howell, was due to meet Milosevic. Their flight home clashed with the meeting, but Kennedy came to the rescue of the British embassy. Within minutes a mysterious technical fault had closed down the airport, and Milosevic was able to meet the committee. The man now praised by Karadzic for helping to open Saraievo airport, had also helped to close down the one at

Belgrade.



● Saatchi & Saatchi, who masterminded the Tories last four general election victories, will take on their biggest political account to date this summer. There has been intense speculation that the agency would be appointed to advise Ross Perot in the American presidential election. The reports were wide of the mark. Instead the company is being hired to revive the flagging fortunes of George Bush and Dan Quayle.

Closed-door policy

CAMBRIDGE colleges guard their portals vigilantly, as any undergraduate who has had to dimb in after hours will know. But in a new spirit of openness, the connecting door between St John's and Trinity will tonight be flung open for the first time in almost

half a century.

The door, which was built during the second world war to facilitate the movement of fire fighters, has remained padlocked ever since. It will be opened as part of a joint celebration to mark the in-Institute for Mathematical Sciences. After a ceremony at John's, guests, including Professor Ste-phen Hawking and Ben Okri, will pass through the door for dinner at Trinity. They will then be entertained by the college choir singing

Ben Okri's Ode to Newton, set to music by Richard Marlow, director of music at Trinity. For the sake of college privacy, presum-ably, the door will afterwards be padlocked once more.

 There was much lingering outside the door of the suite occupied by José Carreras at the Bath hotel where he was staying at the weekend. "The cleaning staff were amazed to find that he sings in the shower just like everyone else."

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> says Salvo Saduto of the hotel. where employees and other guests were queuing up in the corridor to listen. Unlikely as it sounds, a bootleg recording of "Carreras live in the shower from the Spa Hotel" may well be authentic.

Frosty welcome

NOT EVERYONE at the BBC is delighted by the decision to recruit David Frost for a new Sunday morning current affairs show. Staff working on the Sunday lunchtime BBC programme On the Record, presented by Jona-than Dimbleby, fear they will be eclipsed by their new and glamorous colleague.

Frost, who has interviewed the

last five British prime ministers and the last five American presidents, was exercising his diplomatic skills yesterday. "We have all coexisted perfectly well between breakfast and lunchtime in the past, albeit on rival channels," he says. "We will have a couple of major topical political interviews in each show." On the Record employees are wondering what that eaves them.

Low-key debut

BARONESS THATCHER, not noted for her conformity, yester-day bowed to convention and ensured that her maiden speech in the Upper House observed the time honoured tradition of being short and unprovocative. Rather than relying on the team which wrote her speech for The Hague in May, she enlisted Sir Charles Powell, her former foreign policy adviser at Downing Street.

Powell saw Baroness Thatcher on Sunday. The first draft was ready by Monday lunchtime and, characteristically, she promptly rewrote chunks to toughen up the message. But the speech was deemed wittier and more moderate than many of the blockbusters she has delivered since leaving office.

"It was a deliberate attempt to convey the same message in a more elegant and genteel form, to reflect the environment in which it was delivered," said one member of the Thatcher camp. Clearly she has been boning up on the red book, a companion to the standing orders of the Lords. It rules that the maiden speech should be short and unprovocative so as to discourage interruptions and to allow the following speaker - whatever his views - to congratulate the maiden speaker with sincerity, an honour which yesterday fell to Lord Callaghan



POLICING PEACE

As relief flights begin to reach the residents of Sarajevo, the peacemakers in Bosnia are seizing on the hall in the fighting to assert their role in this awful civil war. In doing so, they are raising the tempo of international co-operation - and raising ever more questions over its true purpose.

Lord Carrington is to resume his thankless mission today, flying directly to Sarajevo-airport, singlehandedly reopened by President Minerrand. The leaders of the three warring communities have promised to meet Lord Carrington and the signs are that their talks may be productive. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary general, is also on the move. He is sending 1,500 more troops to guard Sarajevo airport and is now talking of formal co-operation between the UN and the EC mission. His visit to Britain, he hopes, will garner support for his proposals to enhance UN peacemaking and peacekeeping abilines, in Yugoslavia and in almost a dozen conflicts where the UN is engaged.

He will find a ready reception in Britain. It was John Major who convened the special security council summit in January to ask the new secretary-general for a comprehensive review of UN peacekeeping operations. His response is robust and in keeping with the UN's enhanced prestige and influence. Dr Bouros Ghali wants the UN to do more preventive diplomacy. The world should be prepared for trouble, he says, even if member states are reluctant to respond to tension on their doorsiep - notably the entire southern Balkan region. He also wants power not only ip monitor and keep peace but to enforce it. In a following to such UN involvement, he wants more peacebuilding not only repainating refugees and mornoring elections, but also encouraging communal

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Britain should have no difficulty supporting all this, and should persuade its security council partners, including the Russians and Chinese who may have the most doubts, to

The Home Office said yesterday it was

changing the basis on which it releases

figures on crimes collected by the police. The

change is a small one. Figures are to be released half-yearly instead of quarterly.

Once every two years they will also coincide

with the Home Office's own British Crime

Survey, so as to "set the figures in context".

The change has been made, two years after

the Grade committee on the fear of crime, to reduce the sensationalism attached to quas-

terly-publication.

Kenneth Clarke can at least be congratit...

lated for a reform that Kenneth Baker and

yearty British Chime Survey is a proper survey of the public's experience of crime, or

lack of it. If politicians and the media want.

periodic but reasonably accurate material on

criminal misbehaviour, the answer is to

increase the frequency of such reputable

surveys. Recorded crime figures are not-

reputable and do not provide the police with

a measure of the amount of crime with

which they are faced", as the Home Office

Mr Clarke is now offering the public two

bouts of "crime wave" hysteria a year instead

of four. This hysteria will continue to be

based on collating police station crime books

from 43 separate forces and lumping the

resulting total together in one table covering

everything from glue-sniffing and auto-theft

to murder. Despite some effort to stan-

dardise entries in the crime books of police

stations, recording is bound to vary between

forces. It is distorted by police numbers and

activity; by insurance company require-

ments; by the public's access to telephones

and local police stations; and by the complex

internal politics of police forces in bidding for

The British are notorious for not being

interested in ideas. From E. M. Forster's

imaginary golfer briskly announcing that he

extra staff and more capital spending.

minister, Michael Jack, claimed yesterday.

do so too. Since the end of the Cold War, the UN has stepped into half a dozen regional conflicts without a proper diplomatic and military armoury. Britain may have doubts about the wisdom of assigning troops for permanent standby UN duties, or paying for UN operations out of defence rather than foreign affairs budgets. But it surely makes sense for the security council to be able to deploy force quickly when needed, and have equipment positioned near any conflict.

Can these sensible proposals find immediate application in Yugoslavia? Dr Boutros Ghali has pointed out the inconsistency of the UN pursuing both peacekeeping and enforcement. Peacekeeping is based on the co-operation of all protagonists including the Serbs. Enforcement would mean stepping up international sanctions against Serbia and even authorising UN troops to shoot back at those who broke the ceasefire. He also admitted that the UN had not yet looked much beyond the immediate priorities of establishing a lasting ceasefire and bringing humanitarian aid to the beleaguered cities in Yugoslavia and the 1.2 million refugees now

made homeless. What he does recognise is that the UN cannot hold the ring indefinitely or become bogged down in costly long-term operations. Only a political settlement will achieve peace, requiring "patience, time and some imagination — and money". His proposals for peace-keeping stop short of the negotiations needed to sort out the poisonous mix of ethnic suspicion, geographic intermingling and economic disintegration. He recognises that such work is sometimes better done regionally. This means, in Yugoslavia's case, UN support for the EC peace process. underpinning the Carrington mission by the deployment of UN troops. Subsidiarity is not just EC jargon; it is also a valid principle for UN action. One day soon the peace of Europe may depend on it and the Sarajevo

operation may be its proving ground.

This statistical innumeracy is only contin-

ued because ministers are terrified of the law

and order lobby. "Police recorded crime" is

known to account for only a minority of

crimes experienced by the public the crime

wave reflects little more than an annual

improvement in the reporting of a much

larger amount of actual crime. Since the

figures reflect police activity, they should be

released by individual police forces. The Home Office should stick to the British

* Continuing the crime statistics nonsense is

not just ignorant; it is also a public menace.

actual crime. The result is more widespread

tear, particularly among women, further

fuelled by irresponsible Crimewatch pro-

grammes. Patterns of behaviour are

changed. Public places are avoided and the

opportunity for the criminal is increased. Old

people are made to feel disproportionately

Fear of crime is a peculiarly British

disease. The British Crime Survey suggests

that real crime is increasing over time, but

not necessarily out of proportion to rising

property and car ownership and to the

widening definition of crime, for instance

concerning drugs, drink, fraud and rowdy

behaviour. Actions by young people that

would once have been classed as little more

than mischief, such as petty theft and

brawling, are now "crimes". By lumping

them together with violent robbery and

manslaughter, the statisticians do no service

have terrorised the public every quarter by

seeking to turn to their advantage police

recorded crime figures. They now promise

occur to a linguistic philosopher, nor is it

surprising that it has attracted academic

disdain. But then Hawking himself is

unfashionable enough never to be diffident

in talking about God. He does not preclude

the possibility that God originally created the

universe, while irreverently noting that its

expansionary nature "does place limits on

Indeed if Hawking's book has a direct

precedent in the bestseller business, it is

probably Bishop John Robinson's Honest to

God published to meet a similar popular

intellectual appetite nearly 30 years ago. The

sales of both books hardly support the

argument that the British are not interested

If Hawking has put any noses out of joint,

they probably belong to the philosophical,

rather than the theological, community. He

dares to blow away modern metaphysics in a

blast of scorn. Our present race of linguistic

philosophers have, he claims, reduced the

queen of sciences to mere analysis of

language: "What a comedown from the

great tradition of philosophy from Aristotle

There are elements of the showman in

Hawking. He has taken with relish to his

celebrity status. The fact that he is a

courageous victim of motor-neurone disease

will have done his worldwide fame no harm.

If he has become a superstar - surely by now

the best known scientist since Albert Einstein

- no one could begrudge him his achieve-

ment. But his countrymen are entitled to take

pride in him too. If nothing else, he has

demonstrated that there is a serious hunger

for ideas in contemporary Britain. When it

comes to selling books, even Jeffrey Archer

and Frederick Forsyth now need a becoming

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in the study of first or last things.

to Kant."

when he carried out his job"

such terrorisation only twice a year.

Until now, the Home Office and the police

Crime Survey.

trightened of crime

to anybody.

IN TIME WITH HAWKING

FEAR OF CRIME FIGURES

his crime minister. John Patten, nevel quite Perception of crime in Britain is higher than

had the courage to flake: So lar so good, but "in most office countries, including countries so far is hardly any distance at all. The two "which appear to have far higher levels of

filter out inappropriate calls.

Yours faithfully, ANTONY WARREN, Lensfield Medical Practice, 48 Lensfield Road, Cambridge.

From Dr Martin Lawrence

Sir, My general practice partnership is rural. Urban doctors may be able to solve their "on-call" problems by using deputies, but rural doctors cannot do so. We are more dispersed, have smaller practices and no deputising service available, even if we chose to use it. Any system to relieve on-call commitment will have

hours care which covers the whole country. There are no deputies: the service is staffed by the GPs them-

young, poor, energetic ones. At the introduction of the NHS clinical medicine was relatively ineffective: a sick patient's main solace came from the presence of a familiar doctor. Today we are proactive: we run health promotion to identify risk; we provide counselling; and we manage chronic disease such as heart failure, diabetes or asthma so as to prevent crises. This causes a great deal more work by day, but outof-hours events requiring continuity of care are much reduced. Now we need an organisation for care which

Yours sincerely MARTIN LAWRENCE (Lecturer in general practice), University of Oxford, Department of Public Health & Primary Care,

Gibson Building, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

From Dr D. M. Davies

Sir, If my memory serves me correctly, television's Dr Finlay, to

Finlay" service. We have long realised that no matter how desirable it would be to relinquish 24-hour cover there is no workable alternative in sparsely populated areas. Whilst accepting that it is only right and proper to continue to provide such a service to patients. it is unjust to expect our families to show the same commitment.

I hope that in the forthcoming negotiations some consideration will be given to devising a system, for example a central telephone-answering service, which would relieve our kin of this duty.

D. M. DAVIES. Bellwood, Little Birch, Hereford.

The risk business From Mr Ivor Lucas

enjoy salaries comparable with those of captains of industry they should be subject to comparable risks" (letter.

I. T. M. LUCAS, 65 Newstead Way, SW19.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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for GPs on call

From Dr Antony Warren

Sir. If the burden of night and weekend calls is increasing, then Dr Eric Rose of the BMA is right to say (report, June 24) that this is partly because it does not occur to many patients that the doctor they call out at night also works the whole of the days before and after. Greater use of deputising services will, however, aggravate the problem by further reducing patients' inhibitions about calling inappropriately.

Although some medical emer-gencies can be dealt with by any doctor, a high proportion are more caringly and efficiently handled by one with some knowledge of the patient. This also reduces the number of subsequent consultations in daylight hours.

One wonders where all the doctors are going to come from to replace those who do their own night and weekend calls at present, and suspects that many GPs will be forced to "moonlight" to maintain the income their practices will lose by opting out.

Rather than calling for an end to the 24-hour commitment, the BMA should be encouraging the Department of Health and GPs themselves to educate patients better about what constitutes an out-of-hours emergency. Transfer of 24-nour responsibility from individual doctors to practices or small groups of practices (which is in fact how perfectly satisfactory cover is provided in

many areas) would also help. If family health services authorities have a role, it could be in setting up night and weekend telephone advice and message-taking services (such as we already have in Cambridge, provided by the GPs) which could

to be organised centrally.

We do not have to invent such a system. The Danes have this year introduced a system for GP out-ofcosts no more, and the average GP works two nights a month and two weekends a year. In addition older, rich, tired GPs may sell sessions to

reflects the needs of 1998, not 1948.

whom you referred in your leading article, "Doctor on call" (June 19), worked in rural Scotland, alongside his partner, Dr Cameron. Whatever the outcome of negotiations between the health secretary and GP leaders, one result is certain: those of us who work in similar small rural practices will be totally unaffected by them and will continue to offer a "Dr

Yours faithfully.

Sir, "If senior civil servants are to

"Given that he carned £850,000 last year, in salary and bonuses, his Mr Robert Horton's departure is expected to cost BP more than £2 million" (report, June 27). Some risk!

Yours faithfully.

Moonlight choice Capital arts projects, great and small

From Mr Stuart Lipton

Sir, Bryan Appleyard's article (July 1) on what he calls grands projets in the arts, such as those constructed by President Minerrand, offers the opportunity of considering the alternative: petits projets.

London would benefit from further projects like the Sackler Gallery at the Royal Academy, which, though modest in cost compared with grands projets, make a real contribution to London and its public

Petits projets and renovations in other galleries, and the re-use of historic buildings like County Hall for the London School of Economics. would bring life and activity and regenerate London in a very cost-

Docklands is another area which has few benefits of the arts and of the traditional London village. In cooperation with English Heritage. listed buildings could be combined with striking new additions, bring-ing a whole variety of proposals, drawing interest and enthusiasm. which would enhance the area.

Perhaps government could fund these petits projets and allow us to celebrate London sooner rather than

Yours faithfully, STUART LIPTON, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, W 1.

From the Chairman of the Royal Opera House

Sir, The Royal Opera House deserves better than Bryan Appleyard's totally unsupported allegation that it is "chaotic and directionless". Its job is to produce for its audiences opera and ballet (not mentioned by Mr Appleyard) to the highest standard. This, by common consent, it is doing.

Birmingham Royal Ballet has just completed another sell-out season in Birmingham, to which generous and hospitable city it has successfully transferred its base. The Royal Ballet, dancing better than it has for

years, has recently triumphed in Japan, and been immediately invited back. It is a fine ambassador for this The Royal Opera is also off now to

Japan, inaugurating a four-year cycle of visits to that country by the great opera houses of the world. It leaves these shores after a season which has been its best for many years, with critical praise for many evenings of great music-making, and no less than seven successful new productions: Simon Boccanegra, Mitridate Re di Ponto, Don Giovanni, Death in Venice, Fierv Angel. I Puritani and Der Fliegende Hollander. (Il Viaggio a Reims, with most of the company in Japan, is still

The 21st season of Midland Bank Proms, just completed, further widened our audience and well over 12,000 people enjoyed the relays of Samson et Dalila in the Piazza at

Covent Garden last month. News of all this could be gleaned from your own arts pages. If this stewardship on the part of Jeremy Isaacs and his team has been chaotic. or directionless, then I am the Flying Dutchman.

Yours faithfully. ANGUS STIRLING, Chairman. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2.

From Sir John Burgh, President of Trinity College, Oxford

Sir, Covent Garden is imperfect, like all institutions, and its policies at times questionable. But certainly it does not deserve Mr Appleyard's ignorant and prejudiced castigation and his wish that Mr Mellor should "knock some sense into the chaotic and directionless Royal Opera House"

He says he wishes to preserve it. Such criticism could destroy it. Yours sincerely,

JOHN BURGH. Trinity College, Oxford.

Drama on Radio 3 From the Managing Director. BBC Network Radio

Sir, Mr Douglas Adams and others (letter, June 30) state the size of reductions in Radio 3's drama output inaccurately. The precise figures are 214 hours down to 162 (report, June 30), which is a quarter,

I share their commitment to new writing, which is why only 13 new plays will be lost and why the series of return next year.

Nor should the reduction be seen

in isolation from BBC Radio's overall drama provision. Radio 4 produces 1.300 plays and serials each year and Radio 5 has substantially increased the amount (250 hours) and our range by introducing a wealth of drama for children. Our breadth is unrivalled in radio anywhere else in the world and will remain so.

Where to place Test Match Special became a national pastime last year, but I don't think we can sensibly make it an annual event. TMS will be on Radio 3 FM for the foreseeable future, so your diarist's headline, "Reopening the batting" (July I) is more playful than accurate.

Yours faithfully, DAVID HATCH, Managing Director, **BBC Network Radio.** Broadcasting House, W1. July 1.

From Mr Harvey Ackerman Sir. For the majority of classical music lovers, tuning in to Radio 3 has been about the last thing they would contemplate for fear of a live concert from Japan in which the

"Nagasaki Trio" would perform Japanese nose flute music.

I am a regular attender of concerts at the Barbican and Royal Festival Hall, selecting my concerts carefully to avoid any piece of a non-melodic nature, such as an orchestral interpretation of a hurricane on Hampstead Heath.

Most of us would like to hear more popular pieces on Radio 3 from the great composers of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and if Mr Nicholas Kenyon, the new controller demands in his new programming. then the new music station. Classic FM, will have most, if not all, of the audience.

Snippets of popular classical music are played each night for one hour on London's Melody Radio, and broadening this type of programming on either Radio 3 or Classic FM will win over the hearts and minds of the mass of popular classical music lans. Yours faithfully, H. ACKERMAN,

14 Rossanne House. Etchingham Park Road, N3.

From Mr A. P. Rushton

Sir, Radio 3's signal on VHF is pathetically weak. What is the point of the proposed new programming if listeners can't pick it up?

Compared to the commercial stations. Radio 3 - in London at least is about as strong as a pirate station at the bottom of my garden, and difficult to pick up on a portable machine that is not connected to an outside aerial.

Yours etc., A. P. RUSHTON, 5 Rutford Road, SW16. June 30.

Views of Sheffield

From Professor Edwin Haslam

Sir. Robert Crampton ("From steel city to brass farthings", Life & Times, June 23) is right to question the competence of Sheffield City Council, but his perspective is altogether too selective and short term. August persons, distinguished institutions and a supine council opposition. either overtly or covertly, also con-nived at the creation of the World Student Games and thus the financial albatross that burdens the city. The fundamental problems now

facing this once proud city were emerging, however, half a century and more ago. Massive fortunes made in cutlery, steel and engineering were not re-invested in improved technology, working conditions and diversification. One by one in the post-war years these industries fell an easy prey to domestic and foreign competition. Today the city is no longer able to create for itself substantial visible wealth and, with it. social well-being and cohesiveness.

I seriously doubt that members of the council appreciate the true scale and nature of these predicaments. Surely it is now well beyond time that Sheffield's members of Parliament and parliamentarians with an allegiance to the city, sank their political differences and took a decisive lead. Yours faithfully. E. HASLAM.

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daytime telephone number. They

may be sent to a fax number -

071-782 5046.

Business letters, page 23 Letters to the editor should carry a

From the Leader of Sheffield City Council

Sir, Let us get two things straight. First, Sheffield has suffered grievously from the decimation of the steel and engineering industries; second, the city council has severe financial problems. These two facts are not significantly connected, except in Mr Crampton's article.

The council did not run down our industry: we fought hard to prevent it. We have been working consistently, and in increasing harmony, with the chambers of commerce and trade, Sheffield Development Corporation, the University of Sheffield, Sheffield City Polytechnic and a host of other local organisations to attract new investment to the city.

Mr Crampton, sneering at Sheffield's City Challenge bid, refers to "a delegation from Sheffield city council" asking John Redwood, the environment minister, for £37 million. In fact, the delegation was made up of the president of the city's 2,000-company chamber of com-merce, the chief executive of the local health authority and myself as leader of the council.

Our bid was devised and developed by a wide range of local organisations - private and public, manufacturers and service providers, community groups and regional organisations — and unanimously suppor-ted by them all. It is the city of Sheffield, not just the city council, who are asking for City Challenge money.

Yours faithfully, MIKE BOWER, Leader.

Sheffield City Council, Town Hall, Sheffield. June 25.

'Jobs for the girls' at the Garrick?

From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir. Janet Daley ("I want to join the network of the clubbable", June 30) has made out a perfect case for the continued exclusion of women from membership of the Garrick.

I do hope she will not blame herself for taking Sir Peregrine Worsthorne as seriously as he purports to take himself - her first error of judgment. Her second is to believe, apparently. that the Garrick is a bed of power. bawdy and corruption which women would enhance by their presence and should be privileged to share or. maybe, to reform.

The fear that we could be tempted to try to impress women members and might fail would indeed militate against the cause of their being permitted to join, since we do not meet at the club at present to impress each other. Perhaps if we were "the most influential men in the country' we could, as Janet Daley suggests, never see women as friends: though the logic of that proposition is unreliable and the premise, arch flattery, is false.

My impression is that members of the Garrick tend to have many friends, women and men, who are not members. As might be expected.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN, 2 Raymond Buildings, Grays Inn, WC).

From Mr Giles Playfair

Sir. I think I'm the oldest member of the Garrick. I can certainly assure Miss Daley that I am the least clubbable of men and that I would have appreciated women members when I first joined - especially if they were, as they should have been, successful actresses rather than, say, television presenters or journalists.

Over the years, since my election in 1933, I've watched the gradual encroachment of women. Today they march up and down the main staircase at lunchtime or dinner, and are even permitted into the bar after,

believe, 9 o'clock. Each year the Garrick has seemed to me a little less like what it was. I have predicted that the election of women to the Garrick is eventually inevitable and unstoppable. Nevertheless, I must hope that this will not be allowed to happen until my departure; for then the Garrick Club, as I have known it, will have finally ceased to exist.

Yours etc. GILES PLAYFAIR. 126 Cranbrook Road, W4.

From Mrs Anne Trencha Sir, I cannot understand why Janet Daley is so keen to join the men at the Garrick when she can join the men at the Reform. The latter has just celebrated the tenth anniversary of the admission of women and has recently elected its first woman chair-

man. Perhaps it is this which worries

the men of the Garrick? Yours clubbably. ANNE TRENCHARD. Reform Club,

Pall Mall, SWI. From Mr Patrick Heren Sir. I will vote against admitting anyone, male or female, who thinks that being a member of the Garrick is about "networking".

PATRICK HEREN 77 Rectory Grove, SW4.

From Sir Anthony Gray Sir, Why cannot women hoist in that the whole purpose of a gentleman's club is to get away from women? Yours faithfully.

Temple House, Upton Scudamore, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Legendary Balkans

ANTHONY GRAY,

From Mr Stevan K. Pavlowitch Sir. The Times Diary (June 29) would have it that "according to legend the rivers of the Balkans will run blood-red at midnight" on June 28 - Vidovdan, St Vitus's Day. There is no such legend, nor the other one mentioned in the Diary, that "on that day in 1948 Marshal Tito defied Josef Stalin and declared his own brand of non-aligned communism".

What happened on June 28, 1948, was that the Cominform adopted a resolution accusing the Yugoslav communists, under Tito, Kardeli. Djilas and Rankovic, of ideological deviations and expelling them from that organisation. Tito's brand of communism was the consequence, and then came non-alignment.

Yours faithfully. S. K. PAVLOWITCH, University of Southampton, Department of History. Highfield, Southampton, Hamoshire. June 30.

Labour-intensive

From Mr Alan Reed

Sir. Every day I travel to and from work by car. The round trip is approximately 20 miles. Yesterday I had my windscreen washed at four different sets of traffic

lights. Is this a record? Yours sincerely. ALAN REED. Research Partners Ltd., 5 Acton Street, WC1.

June 25.

has no use for a novel that does not tell a story, to the Christmas annuals that used to be called things like Stirring Deeds for British Boys, the world of action rather than the life of thought has traditionally held pride of place in the national psyche. How then to explain the remarkable success of Stephen Hawking's A. Brief History of Time, which this week beats all records in its durability on the bestseller lists?

By no means all those who have bought the book have read it, at least to the end. The argument it presents is a difficult one (Bernard Levin cannot be the only person to have given up the struggle). That has been an essential part of its attraction. To own it, even to give it as a present, is to display a badge of courage - real or pretended. That may explain why its runaway success in the bookshops contrasts with its meagre showing in the league tables of books borrowed from public libraries.

Those who lay Hawking's slim volume out on their coffee tables want it known that they are curious about deeper questions which, though certainly bothering the Victorians, seldom seem to be discussed in contemporary society. Hawking's ambitions are in no way confined to the laws of physics. In perhaps the most famous passage of his book, he makes clear that his ultimate aim is to explain "why it is that we and the universe exist". If that sounds a tall order then the reward, he is anxious to urge, would be commensurately great: "If we find the answer to that, it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason - for then we

would know the mind of God." It is hardly the kind of formulation likely to



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE July 2: The Queen returned to Heathrow Airport, London, this evening from a visit to Canada, and was received at the airport by the Managing Director, Heaththe Managing Director, Heath-row Airport (Mr Michael

Roberts) The following were in anendance: Mrs John Dugdale, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr John Haslam. and Surgeon Captain Norman

Blacklock, RN. BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 2: The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Heathrow Airport.

London this evening from a visit

The Lord Buxton was in His Royal Highness. Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Enineering, this evening attended a Dinner to mark the change in title

to the Royal Academy of En-gineering at Guildhall, London,

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** July 2: The Duke of York this evening presented the prizes at a Winners Day in aid of the Paul O'Gorman Foundation for children with Leukaemia at Wentworth Golf Club. Surrey and was

received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton was in attendance. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** July 2: The Prince Edward,

Trustee, this evening attended a dinner in support of The Duke of

Edinburgh's Award at St James's Mrs Richard Warburton was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 2: The Princess Royal, President of Patrons of Crime Concern, this morning attended the launch of "Youth Crime Preven-

HMS President, Blackfriars. Her Royal Highness, President. The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards visited the Trust's headquarters at 16 Byward Street, Tower Hill.

tions Panels - New Initiative" at

London EC3. The Princess Royal, Honorary President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this afternoon opened the new extension to the Freight Transport Association Training Centre, Wadhurst, Sussex, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay

The Princess Royal. President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a fund-raising dinner given by the Paint In-dustries Club at the Royal Lan-

caster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W2. Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance,

CLARENCE HOUSE July 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this evening vis-ited gardens in the London Boroughs of Wandsworth Merton under the auspices of the London Gardens Society and the

London Childrens' Flower Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in

Her Majesty was represented by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, at a Memorial Service for Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Buckmaster which was held in

Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, KENSINGTON PALACE July 2: The Prince of Wales President. King Edward's Hospital for London, this morning ittended the General Council

Meeting at King's Fund College, Palace Court, London W2. Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Trustee, National Gallery, this afternoon attended a meeting of the Board

of Trustees at the National Gallery.
The Princess of Wales, President, Hospital for Sick Children,

this morning visited Great Ormond Street Hospital,

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance. **KENSINGTON PALACE**

July 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Sheffield and was received by The Earl of Scarborough (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of South

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Church Army Wilson Carlile College of Evanlism, Cavendish Street. The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon later visited the

remises of Hiram Wild Ltd. Scissor Manufacturers. Lady Aird was in attendance. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 2: The Duke of Kent, President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, London, SW19. Mrs Peter Troughton and Cap-

tain the Hon Tom Coke were in His Royal Highness, Royal Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, this evening at-tended the Royal Title Dinner at the Guildhall, London EC2. Commander Roger

RN, was in attendance. Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Lee Valley Park at 9.45 to mark the 25th anniversary of the College of Occupational Thera-pists, will open the Wildlife and Raised Garden, Hinchingbrooke Lee Valley Park at 9.45 to mark the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Lee Valley Re-

gional Park Authority. The Duke of York, as Patron of the Jubilee Sailing Trust, will sail to and around the Solent in STS Lord Nelson from Town Quay, Southampton, at 2.20; and will attend a reception in the Town Ouay development at 6.00. The Princess Royal, as Patron of

the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, will open the new premises of the Fenland Bureau, 10 and 11 Church at 10.00; and, as Patron of the College, Twickenham, at 3.15.

Sir John Graham, Bt and Mrs C. Howells The marriage took place on Saturday, June 27, at Brompton Regis, Somerset, of John Gra-ham, widower of Meg Graham. and Jane Howells, widow of

Mr C.A. Foster and Miss R.M. Caswell The marriage took place on Saturday, June 27, 1992, quietly at Holy Trinity Church, Cannes, between Mr Charles Foster, son of Lodge, Easthorpe, Malton, and Hospital, Huntingdon, at 10.55. The Duke of Gloucester will open the United Kingdom Headquarters of Schuco International. Whitehall Avenue, Kingston, Milton Keynes, at 11.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new Centre for Hampton and Hampton Hill Community Care Group at School Road, Hampton Hill, at 2.30; and will attend a garden party for teachers from the Commonwealth, America and Europe at St Mary's

Marriages

Miss Rebecca Caswell, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.M. Caswell, of Dr R.H.L. Jack and Miss M.E. Cove

The marriage took place on June 15, 1992, in Salcombe, between Dr Robert Jack and Miss Mary

Mr C.A. Lindley and Miss L.J. Gott

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 27, 1992, at St Mary's the Virgin, Southery, Nor-folk, of Mr Charles Lindley and



History recalled: Major F.R. "Jeph" Jephson, left, studies a painting of the battle of El Alamein with Cyril Mount, the artist, on the fiftieth anniversary of its start yesterday. They were among a dozen veterans

of 11th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, attending a reunion at the Imperial War Museum, London

Colonel Maurice Buckmaster Queen Elizabeth the Oueen Mother was represented by Major Sir Raiph Anstruther at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Maurice Buckmaster held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton. The Rev Sandy Millar officiated. The Rev Alan Leach and Mr Malcolm McIntyre, also representing the Chairman of Mentzendorff and Company and the Director of External Affairs of Martini and Rossi, read the lessons. Miss Vera Atkins and M ean-Bernard Badaire, Président de Libre Résistance des Réseaux Buckmaster, gave addresses. The French Ambassador was represented by Colonel P.C. Peress and

Among others present were: Mr and Mrs Michael Buckmaster (son and daughterin-law), Mr and Mrs David Beaton (son-in-law and daughteri, Mrs Mary Cullen (daughter), Mrs Hastle Proudloot Biepdaughter), Mr Martin Buckmaster and Mr and Mrs Michael Edeiman (grandchildern), Lady Leach. Mr and Mrs Clive Buckmaster.

the French Consul General, M

Georges Gautier, attended

Memorial services Mr and Mrs Charles Buckmaster, Mrs Barbara Buckmaster, Mrs Catherton Buckmaster, Miss E Buckmaster, Mr Toby Buckmaster, Mr Philip Buckmaster, Mr and Mrs Alan Buckmaster, Mr and Mrs Henty Buckmaster, Mr and Mrs Bradley Brown.

Buckmaster. Mr and Mrs Bradley Brown.

Sylvia Lady Wilkinson. Sir Robin and Lady Brook. Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker. Mr Robin Seutt. Prince Yuri Galitzine, Mr Basil Saunders. Mr and Mrs Alan Campbell-Johnson. Mr Walter Hayes. Mr George Millar, Mr E H van Maurik. Mr G M Hallowes and Mrs Adene Hallowes. GC, Mr and Mrs Andrew Murray. Mr Gill Michelmore. Mrs Hielen Taylor-Thompson. Miss Juliet Lygon. Mrs Malcolm Mcintyre. Mrs Alan Leach. Mr J L Fielding.

M Philippe Le Tharant (Comité Interpréssionnel du vin de Champagne) with M C Debilly and M André Enders. Mr Martin Kember (Champagne Association of Great Britain). Mr John Clevely Veruve Cilcquot Champagnel. Mr Michael Drutti (Perrier Jonet Champagne). Mr Ray Perks (consul general, Ordre des Conaux de Champagne). Mrs Sinéed Ferramosca (Innernational Wine and Food Society), Mrs Pamela Varndyke Price (Cricel of Wine Writers).

Mr Geevase Cowell (Foreign and

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Mr Gevase Cowell (Foreign and Commonwealth Office). Major Dick Shaw (Intelligence Corps). Major-Geral C E Page (Women's Transport Service (FANY) with Mrs 4 Whiteheast Mr Frank Dell (RAF Escaping Society) with Mr Ken de Souza and Mrs Elizabeth Lucas-Harrison; Group Cap-

tain Ken Batchelor (Bomber Command Association also representing Special Duty 138 Squadron RAF), Group Capitain H.B. Verity (RAF Tempsford) and Mrs Verity with Mr Reg Leavis (RAF Tempsford Association).

M Jean Labrent (Déspontes de la Résistance du Loirer and Union Nationale des Désportes Internés et Familles de Disparus) and Mine Laurent, the Mayor and Town Clerk of Crowborough, Professor John Crank (London International Youth Science Forum) with Mr George McGowan and Mr Constamine Costa: Mr Mervyn Twerner (Swan Courd, Mr Keith Fowler (Sous Cutt) and Mr Erit Barleon, Mr Mark Phillips (Economic League), Mr Mark Phillips (Economic League), Mr John Lavelle (Institute of Public Relations).

Mr John Reid The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr John Reid held yesterday at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated. assisted by the Rev Christopher Foster. Mr Dominic Reid, son,

read the lesson and Mr Stanley

Kiaer and Major Barney Cock-

The Royal Academy of Engineering

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow, and the Duke of Kent, Royal Fellow, were welcomed by Sir William Barlow, FEng. President of The Royal Academy of Engineering at a dinner held last night at Guildhall to mark the granting of its Royal title.

Sir William responded to a mast to The Academy by the Duke of Edinburgh. The Right Hon Michael Heseltine, MP, President of the Board of Trade, also addressed the guests. Mr David Sainsbury replied on their behalf. Alderman Sir Peter Gadsden FEng. represented the Lord Mayor. The other guests

The Right Hon William Waldegrave, MP, the Right Hon Robin and Mrs Leigh-Permberton. Sir Geoffrey and Lady Allen, Sir Terence and Lady Burns, Sir John and Lady Falrictough, Sir Peter Gregson, Sir David and Lady Fhillips. Mr and Mrs E.B. Rasmussen, and Professor and Mrs W.D.P. Suwart.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. Clayson and Mrs J.A. Reynold The engagement is announced between Colin Clayson, of Gorey, Jersey, CI, and Jan Reynolds, of Limpsfield, Surrey, widow of Dr. Limps

Mr T.E.M. Harvey

and Miss S.K. Paybody The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr P.W.E. Harvey, Dryden House, Aldwinde, Northamptonshire, Aldwincle. Northamptonshire, and Mrs P.M. Harvey, of Brigstock, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Paybody, Hall Farm, Maidwell.

Mr D.J. Markham and Miss N.E. Harding The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Markham, of Dinas Powys, South Wales, and Nicola, daughter of Mr James Harding of Exeter, Devon and of

Mrs Betty Burnett, of Johannes-burg, South Africa.

Mr C.G. Martin and Miss A.M. Boins The engagement is announced o Chrismoher elder son of Mr and Mrs John Martin, of Kinver, Staffordshire, and Clem (Annabell, vounger daughter of

Mr and Mrs Anthony Bohrs, of Rushlake Green, Suss Mr A.R. Pilcher and Miss S.L. Hussey

The engagement is announced between Rodney, son of Mr and Mrs W.A.W. Pilcher, of Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr R.J.C. Hussey, of Adelaide, Australia and Mrs L.A. Churcher, of

Atlantic College

The Launcelot Fleming Scholar RTZ Corporation pic, will be held at Fishmongers' Hall on Monday, February 15, 1993. The speaker will be the Right Hon Douglas Hurd, MP.

Lord Lawson

and Miss K.R. Walland The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Lieutenant Colonel D.W.L. Robinson and of Mrs D.W.L. Robinson, of Yateley, Hampshire, and Katherine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R. Williams, of

and Miss C.A. Smith The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs John Savill, of Southend-on-Sea. Essex, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Smith, of

Tadworth, Surrey.

Major M.LT. Smailes and Miss M.A. Penno The engagement is aunounced between Major lain Smalles. 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Graham Smailes, of Abbotsbury.
Durset, and Marie-Anne,
daughter of Colonel and Mrs
Robert Lanyon Penno, of
Rotherfield Peppard, Oxford-

Mr H.R.F. Somerset and Miss J.L. Gordon The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs David Somerset, of Boar's Head, Crowborough, Sussex, and

Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Gordon, of Currie,

Edinburgh. and Miss S.J. Parkes The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Watts, of East Barn,

Ducklington, Oxon. and Selina, daughter of Licutenant Commander S.G. Parkes, of 6 Gloucester Walk, Kensington

ship for 1992 has been awarded to Rainca Georgesco, a student from Romania. The mangural Atlantic College Lecture on Inter-national Affairs, sponsored by the

The life barony conferred upon Mr Nigel Lawson has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Lawson of Blaby, of Newnham in the County of

Guild of Water Conservators

The following have been installed officers of the Guild of Water Conservators for the ensuing year: Master, Mr C.B. Shirley, Upper Warden, Mr R.L. Harris, Middle Warden, Mr P.A. Banks: Lower Warden, Mr W.S. Smith.

Sheila Countess of Birkenhead

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sheila Countess of Birken-head, will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, WI, on Monday, September 7, at 11.30am.

Half-yearly promotions in the Forces L Powell, AG Corps (PRO); I A Milne, RPC; P R Woods, RPC; J D Gessell, for Corps; J P Morrison, Int Corps; R G G Randell, Int Corps; F A Walthall, Jox Corps; C H Noons, Acc; P M Dickinson, ACC.

Royal Navy

The provisional selections for promotion effective on June 30. 1991, for officers of the Royal en's Royal Naval Service are confirmed. The following pro-visional selections have been made for promotion to date December 31, 1992. The early promotions to Lieutenant Commander are effective on the dates

CAPTAIN: E C atkinson; N W Thomas; A N Du Port: J A Rhuington: H P May; J F Rodley; B W Bryant: J C Rapp; S Lidbetter.

Lightener.

COMMANDER: M R Pepper; J M C Manghan; J W Arrow; R A Marshall; D J Iye; G M S Spalson: A S Brooks; G P Brocklebank; I M Bartholomew; J G Tomenham; C G Welborn; I J MacDonald; I A Gliston; J Powis; M Anderson; S C Howard; D J R Dicken; P N Collins; N Morisesti; P B Mathles, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - promoted 12 mounts early; H N Leedham (ett 16 Jul 92); J J P Blunden [eft 10 ct. 92]. T M Lowe (eft 1 Dec 92). JEUTENANT COMMANDER - pro-moted six months early: P L Orchard (eff 1 Jan 93); M J Woolley (eff 1 Jan 93); A R Ireland (eff 1 Apr 93).

93); A R Ireland (cff 1 Apr 93).
Engineering
CAPTAIN: M J D Brougham; K Watterson: M J Broadhurst; R J K Meryon; P C Sanderson: B P S Brooks.
COMMANDER: A C Unborne: R P S Ayers: B M Parsons: J A Cooper; C R Thorpe G T Macife: B W H Armold: F C E Sheriock; T G Pritchard: R E Wormsid: R F Wants; A J Thie J W M Hall: C M H Steel: S J Branch-Evans: A M Hussalin: R I Hughes.
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - promoted 12 months cat/9: S W Braiam (cff 1 Oct 92); M A Beverstock (cff 1 Der 92).
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - pro-

14: LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - pro-moted six months early: A G Raybould (eff 1 Jan 93); D G Elford (eff 1 May 93). Supply and Secretaria: CAPTAIN: D A H M Smith; A Munns. CAPTAIN: D A H M STRIIN; A MURINS. COMMANDER: B F Pellow; M W Mizen; A G Wait; R W Fraser. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - pro-moted 12 months early: J Flanagan (eff 16 Jul 92).

DEATHS

COMMANDER: F.J. Alizen: D. B. Roberts.
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - promoted 12 months early: C. M. Pope
WENS.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER -moted six mouths early: no selec Women's Royal Naval Service CAPTAIN: no selections.
COMMANDER: M J Robbins. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - promoted 12 months early: no selections.
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - promoted six months early: no selections.

SURGEON CAPTAIN: N E Baldock; G H G McMillan. o memiliari. SURGEON COMMANDER: D G Jones; N P Butterfield; J R Broome: R J N Garth;

SURGEON CAPTAIN (D): 10 selections SURGEON COMMANDER (D): 110 selec-tions,

Royal Marines COLONEL: R E Dillon LIEUTENANT COLONEL: WRD W Lash; I McNedd; D Wilson. MAJOR: J McCabe, P H Parsons; E I Armstrong, A B Thomson; F Haddow.

Royal Naval Reserve Provisional selections for promotion to date September 30, 1992. Scannan Branch COMMANDER: W J Howard, M D Simpson.

Continunications Branch

COMMANDEE: C J Tebbs

Alf Branch COMMANDER: J C Teggdale

Modical Branch
SURGEON CAPTAIN: T A Waterworth
SURGEON COMMANDER: D P Pryce. Women's Royal Naval Reserve The Army

The following promotions are effective from June 30.

COLONEL TO BRIGADIER: W H Backhouse, late R Signals: P V R Besprovelate REME: R A Bradbury. late RE: C R

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER - promoted six months early: no selections.

Instructor

CAPTAIN: P J Tyrreii.

COMMANDER: F J Aliben: D 8 Roberts.

LEUTENANT COMMANDER - promoted 12 months early: C M Pope milk, lake Green Howards, A C Massey. Smith, Jake See a signals: C.J. Marchant Smith, Jake Green Howards; A.C. Massey, Jake R.C.; S.M.B. O'Meara, Jake R.A.P.C. A.R. D. Pringle, Jake R.G.; P. P. Rowlins, Jake R. Angilan; A.P. V. Rogers, Jake A.C.; J. M. Roulstone, Jake W.R.C. M.J. Squire, Jake R.C.; A.J. Stevens, Jake R.A.; G. D. Williams, Jake R.C.; B.J. Willing, Jake R. Hamps: J.A. Wright, Jake 16/51.

RCT: A J Stevens, tate RA: G D WHILLIAMS.
late RCT: B J Williams. late R Hamps: JA
Wright. late 16/5L.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL TO COLONEL:
JA ANGESSON, 6GR: J D C ANGESSON, RES C H ASSWORTH, WFR: G J BATTEL, R
SIGNAIS, M J Blyth. RCT: C W BORNE, AG
COTYS (SPS): J N BATCIAY, AG COTYS
(ALS): TR Bright, RFC: R V BINS, IL: R
W BRUMMIN, RTR: F A BUSH, RCT: W J
Chesshyer, RE: J W Chutter, REME: R S
CONGE: AG COTYS (SPS): R J CTOUCHER,
REME: A P N CUTTE. RA: T M A Daly,
DEER: C I DATHELL KOSE: M S DAVIES, R
SIgnais: C A DON-MCRY, RAOC. T C L
DTAILE, AG COTYS (STS): F J OUTTAIN,
GRISSETS: L C Edwards MAJOT, AG COTYS
(ETS), J H EBOR, RC. F FIELD
GRIFT, J THE HOLE, R. T M
GRITTEN, LL D M CHILL RE: M F GIDSON,
RS: R D S GOTGOM. 17/21]: W G
HARTISON. REME: G J Haig, RCT: J R
HAWKINS, RAOC. J S HENDY, AG COTYS
(ETS): M G R HOGSON, RCT: C G HOSTON,
INT COTYS: W J R Hughes, RE: M
Huntley, REME: I A JOHNSONE, RS: D A
JONES, AG COTYS (STS): M C H
MANNEY-STMITH, RGI; P D P MCQUEET,
AAC: A D MEEK, DWE: S G MIGIGIETON,
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REME: T F MONCUER, R SIgnais: R J
MOTTIS, RH: V J NICHOUS, AG COTYS
(STS): S W J SBANDGEN, DERRE: M
FRIGMAN, RE: C MCA PYMAIN: R M FORDER:
R SIgnais: C E Price, GOTOMS: R
FIGHBARM, RE: C MCA PYMAIN: R W SAIN, AG
COTYS (STS): S W J SBANDGEN, DERRE: J M
SHAW, R SIGNAIS: D H A Shephard,
QUEENS: C S SIDUR, AAC: G W
SOMETHIER, RCT: D P SIEDBERSON, RE: R
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J M SWHILE R SIGNAIS: D H A Shephard.
QUEENS: C S SIDUR. A

D W Chann-Sendell, Gordons; G A Donglas, A & SE: G F Histop, RHF, I J Murtry, QO HLDRS: C P C Stoner, Gordons; R P M Chambers, R Ithish: A P Fengulas. Green Howards; N S. J Hall, Green Howards; N S. J Hall, Green Howards; R G Goodball, ERW; S J Knapper, Staffords; A C W N Semberg, Cheshire: A W Thombarn, D and D: M S Vine, Glosters; J M P Durcan, RG: R C Lloyd-Williams, Li: R D S Phayre, Li: M F Gandell, Para, A V Mankin, Para, R R P Prichard, Para, M S H Worsiey-Tonia, PARA G C Sickes, 7GR: N J H Hinton, 2GR: R P D Folkes, AAC D flushmid, AAC P Lawless, AAC J H Clough, RCT; R H Hoopper, RCT; J M May, RCT; N D Mortison, RCT; J S Newman-Cartes, RCT: D N Wighla, RCT; P W G Blaber, RACC M W Signification, P W G Blaber, RACC M M Signification, R M M R M M S R M Workey, RACC A T T Carman, RAOC S J Crowe, RACC A R T Hazierige, RACC D M Homewood, RACC J H O'Hare, RACC M S Southworth, RACC M W Wintens, RACC M J Whatmby, RAOC, T M White, RACC M J Whatmby, RAOC, T M White, RACC M M Common, REME: D T May, REME: C Ward, REME: D T Gentle, REME: E P T MCGanthy, REME: A M McPherson, REME: D G Merren, REME: C Ward, REME: I S Jameisson, AG Corps (SPS): C T Galdey, AG Corps (SPS): T Lowly, AG Corps (SPS): P G J Kenting, AG Corps (SPS): T Lowly, AG Corps (SPS): B J Vermicombe, AG Corps (SPS): C G Liwson, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (SPS): C P (SIN): T W Lambarm, AG Corps (SPS): C D (RCC): G Liwson, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): R T Bacca, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): D W M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): D W M M Magee, AG Corps (ETS): D W M M M M M M M M M M

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uncharacteristically early, to Amanda (née Laidler) and Nick, a daughler. Amy Catherine Spence. **GOLDEN** ANNIVERSARIES

AVORY - On July 1st 1992. AVORY - On July 1st 1992. Elleen Avory of Vancouver, Cansda. Formerly Elleen France. of Heritord Road, Slevenage, Herts. After a long illness bravely fought to the end. Wife of Bill and mother of Jonathan. Allstair and Danielle. Enquiries to her sister in Knebworth, Herts.

MELVILLE - On July 1st 1992
al University College
Hospital. to Serah unde
Taylori and David. a
daughter. Mary Diana
Christine. a sister for John.
MERRIFIELD - On June 27th
1992, to Ermna (née Tigar)
and Robert. a daughter.
Alexandra Tatiana Tigar.
MILLER - On July 1st 1992.
to Joanna (née Page) and
John, a son. Toby CharlesPETRIE - On July 1st 1992.
to Joanna (née Page) and
John, a son. Toby CharlesPETRIE - On July 1st to Jane
and Richard. a daughter.
Charlotte Mary, a sister for
Michael.

EMANUEL On July 1st, peacefully. Walter Emanuel. FRPS. former Managing Director of Wallace Headon Lid. Beloved husband of Ufe, father of Ruth and Steven and much loved Opa to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral at 1.30 pm at The Park Crematorium. Aldershot, on July

peacefully at home, Derrick, deepty loved husband of Diane, father of Andrew, stepfather of David and grandfather of Stephanie, Jessica and Nicholas, Private cremation.

FEENSTRA - On July 1st 1992, after an illness courageously borne. Allard, aged 42 years. much belowed eldest son of Robert and Welta Maria FeenstravonSaher. Fuseral Service at The London Lighthouse. 111 Lancaster Road. London W11 1QT. on Monday July 6th at 3 pm. Flowers welcome or donallons to The London Lighthouse. All correspondence to be addressed to 3 Van Silingelandtlaan. 2334 CA Leiden. The Netherlands.

GODDARD - On June 30th. peacefully at Derriford Hospital. Plymouth. Devon. David Michael M.C. aged 67 years, dearly loved husband of Pam and dear father of Lizz. Maria and William. Funeral Service at St. Endellion Church. Cornwall. on Tuesday July 7th at 11.am. Flowers to Morris Scos... 1 Drake Road. Tavistock, Devon. Donations if 50 desired to the Manager. Lloyds Bank, Tavistock, for the Diabetic Society.

LEIGH - On June 29th 1992, suddenly but peacefully at home. John Marshall, dearly lot ed husband of Ophelia and devoted father of Piers. Georgina and Miles. With Christ, which is far better. Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas' Church. Sevenoaks, Kent, at 2 pm Tuesday July 7th. No mourning, Instead of flowers, please, donations to St Nicholas' PCC Building Fund. St Nicholas' Rectory. Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1JA.

McLACHLAN - On June 30th 1992. peacefully at Stirling Royal Infirmary. Angus McLachlan (Angue) of Laundry Cottage. Cromits. Dunblane. Funeral Service on Tuesday July 7th at Cromits Chapet at 12 noon. to which all friends are respectfully invited. MAITLAND - On July 1st. peacefully in Australia, Geoffrey Ernald, much loved father of Jane. Annie. Suste. Gaby. Alastair and James.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

MYERS - On June 29th 1992.
Dorothy Georgina, suddenly
in Portugal, wife of Bill and
mother of Makcoim. Nick and
Penny, Memorial Service to
be held later, for details
phone Maicoim tel. (071)
247-0821 (day) (0376)
563251 (evenings)

Graham MRCVS, aged 44
Most beloved brother of
Martin (twin) and Alastair.
Brother-in-law of Jacqueline
and Salty. Funeral Service at
SI Andrew's Church,
Aldborough. Boroughbridge,
North Yorkshire, on Friday
July 3rd at 3 pm. Family
flowers only, but donations if
wished in his memory to
Action Ald, Tapstone Road,
Chard, TA2O 2AB, Enquiries
to J.G. Savage F/D. 104231
322457.

SNELL - On July 2nd 1992.

suddenty but peacefully at Eastbury House Residential Home. Sherborne. Offive ince Richards: aged 87 years, the beloved wrife of the late Edwin Charles, much losed mother of Bill and Torn, also a dear mother-lin-law, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many. Funeral Service takes place on Wednesday July 8th at 2.45 at \$1 John the Baptist Church, Yeovil. Followed by private cretuation. Family flowers only please, and no donations by request. All enquiries c/o CAL, Cook & Son 8/11 Bond St., Yeovil. BA20 1PE tel: (0935) 23465.

WARIN - On July 1st 1992, Robert and Anne of Clifton. Bristol. together in a caractiden near Salisbury. Funeral Service at Clifton College Chapel on Wednesday July 8th at 12 30, followed by private cremation it is intended to hold a Service of Thanksylung in the autumn which will be announced at a later date. Enquiries to funeral directory let: 10272) 807494.

WHITAKER - On June 27th, peacefully. Armyse inée Welby, widow of Geoffrey and mother of Camilla and Thalia Memorial Sersice at St. Peter's Church, Ealon Square, SW1, on July 13th at 2 30 pm Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to only. Donations, if desired, to HAPA c/o Mrs H Ewell. Fulham Palace, SW6. WILLIAMS - On June 28th, after a short illness in hospital and in perfect peace, Hughle, aged 89½. Beloved husband of Phyl unde Bolton) for nearly 62 years, elder brother of Brends Curry and devoted father of John, Paul and Judy. Will be missed very much by Rosemary. Vivian and Wolfgang, his nine grandchildren and inree great-grandsons. Cremation in Devon on July 6th with inunediate family only present and no flowers at Hughte's request. If wished, suppost donations to Amnesty international London ECI BHE. A Memorial Gathering will be arranged at a later date in North London for all the family. Friends and associates.

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DURNE - On Monday June 29th 1992, to Domenica (née Fraser) and Philip, a second daughter, Mailida Rose. GREVILLE WILLIAMS - On July 1st 1992, to Em HILL - On June 27th, to Julie and Marcus, a daughter Lucy Marta, Love always. LUXMOORE STYLES - On June 26th. to Mary (née Nainby-Luxmoore) and Roger, a daughter, Tabitha.

MANNINGHAM-BULLER -On July 1st, to Nicola, wife of James, a daughter (Camilla Mary). PETRIÉ - On July 1st to Jane and Richard, a daughter, Charlotte Mary, a sister for

UTTON - On July 1st. at Frimley Park, to Denise and Ken. a son. Andrew James. Thanks Pain and the learn. WALSH - On June 27th.

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COOPER - On June 29th, Frederick, laiely of Woodford Green, peacefully aged 84. Husband of his late beloved Muriel, Once Principal of Chance Technical College, Smethwick, then Educational Technical Officer and life Fellow of the Institution of Production Engineers, Funeral at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Monday July 6th at 12.30, Donations appreciated for Cancer Research to the Funeral Director, Mr Jan Hazel, 5 Belwell Lane, Sution Coldfield, 874 4AA.

torium. Aldershot, on July 7th. Floral tributes to Ford Mears and Pariners, 26 High Street, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey, 10276) 25563. FARMILOE - On June 30th,

FARMER - On July 1st, in her 89th year, peacefully at Pax Hill Nursing Home. Bentley. Angeta, dearly beloved wife of the late Alan Farmer of Alton and much loved aural, Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Allen (Hanis) on Monday July 13th at 3 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please.

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PROFESSOR ELIE KEDOURIE

Elie Kedourie, CBE, FBA, professor of politics in London University, 1965-90, died on June 26 aged 66. He was born in Iraq on January 25, 1926.

ELIE Kedourie had a distinguished historical mind, was an early and leading contributor to the Conservative intellectual revival of the last 30 years, and produced an important critical onewe about the politics and religion of the modern world.

Kedourie was born of a wealthy, cosmopolitan and well-connected Jewish family in Baghdad, and acquired his first knowledge of politics by hearing Iraqi affairs being discussed in an informed manner at his father's dinner table. He was at school at Collège A-D Sasson and Shamash School, Baghdad, but decided that Iraq's future was bleak and went, in response to an adver-tisement in The New Statesman, to the London School of Economics, where he read politics at the very end of the Laski era while attending the lectures of Robbins and Hayek in the economics department.

Both at the LSE and at St Antony's College, Oxford, to which he went next, Kedourie had difficult experiences. At the LSE he was originally given a very inferior mark by error in the final examinations until put into the first class by the efforts of Professor K. B. Smellie. At St Antony's his thesis encountered opposition from one of his examiners, Sir Hamilton Gibb, an Arabophile Arabist who disliked its withering criticisms of British policy in Iraq in 1918. After withdrawing from the examination, Kedourie was then brought back to the LSE by Michael Oakeshott who had succeeded Laski as professor of political science in 1951. Kedourie remained a devoted friend during Oakeshott's tenure of his chair and, indeed, after Oakeshott's retirement began to feel — and not only because of that retirement - that the LSE had started to deteriorate.

At the LSE Kedourie gave carefully crafted lectures on the history of



political thought and on Hegel, Marx and the young Hegelonians. He was an adequate administrator and spent three years as chairman of the politics department. But his greater success was as supervisor of research students. Having become a professor in 1965, he retired in 1990, spending a good deal of time both before and in retirement lecturing and writing on Middle Eastern subjects at Brandeis, at Columbia, at the Washington Centre for Middle East Policy and at the Woodrow Wilson Centre in Washington. where he was when he died of the sort of heart attack which had nearly

killed him twenty years earlier. Kedourie's professional expertise was as an historian and analyst of Middle Eastern politics since 1914, in which his initial theme was the political desert which had been created in the Middle East, partly by

Zionist nationalism, but mainly by ignorance and incompetence on the part of the British official and governing classes in London, Cairo and Baghdad who had mistaken the accommodation of local sensibilities with wise government and, through their romantic illusions about Arabs, had themselves created a previously non-existent Arab nationalism which need not, he believed. have been created at all.

Kedourie's pessimism about British relations with Middle Eastern and Arab nationalism increased in the 1960s and 1970s as the United States repeated some of the mistakes of the British. Kedourie was pro-American by sympathy but was critical of some aspects of American policy. He doubted whether Islam was compatible with industrial-isation and, in face of the Ayatollahs in Iran and the manifest hostility of popular sentiment in other states, began to believe that Israel was the

West's only reliable ally.

While writing at length about Middle Eastern politics in The Chatham House Version and In The Anglo-Arab Labyrinth, Kedourie developed an indictment of modern nationalism (in Europe, Africa and Asia as well as in the Middle East). He ridiculed its rhetoric, exposed its destructiveness and emphasised in Nationalism, Nationalism in Asia and Africa and Afghani and 'Abduh its Kantian character as a substitute

religion. Kedourie's attitude to the Middle East arose from a Jewish, or minority mistrust of xenophobic nationalism and a conservative mistrust of ideological politics which he found much reason to express in England. By instinct and practice Kedourie

was a conservative person, both morally and politically, and would have been so whether he had be-longed to a political party or not. But he was also both an intellectual conservative whose conservatism was implicit in all his historical writing about modern politics from England and the Middle East in 1952 onwards: and a party Conser-

vative who, though he had little sense of the compromises and accommodations of parliamentary politics and felt a deep mistrust for many aspects of the Conservative party's mentality, was a warm admirer of Mrs Thatcher to whom he talked from time to time about international politics) on the ground that she somehow transcended these limitations. His admiration stopped short, however, at the educational and university policies of her gov-ernment, of which he felt the greatest dislike and about which he wrote two pamphlets - Diamonds Into Glass, which was an attack on the university grants committee, and Perestroika in the Universities, which was so explicit about the threat her government was presenting to the universities that the Centre for Policy Studies, which had commissioned it, declined to publish

Kedourie was learned in the way in which modern historians often are not, felt strongly about the role of universities as centres of learning and had deep convictions which he made no attempt to hide. If he supposed that his learning was separate from his convictions and his scholarly writing from his polemic, he may be forgiven the illusion, since the effect of both was the same - to subject the absurdities and gullibilities of the higher Liberalism to the calm, assured but highly intelligent dissection of a relentless critic. At the time of his death he was writing books about Hegel and about the history of British Conservatism which it can be assumed would have strengthened these impressions.

Kedourie founded the journal Middle Eastern Studies in 1964 and edited it, along with his wife, until his death. Together with Mau-rice Cowling and Sir Geoffrey Elton he was a founder editor of Cambridge Studies in the History and Theory of Politics. He became an FBA in 1975 and a CBE in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Hiam, two sons and one daughter.

He marshalled a hungry

team of reporters around him

and instilled in them all a

ferocious loyalty to himself

and to the newspaper. But it

was on moving up the Mail's greasy pole that Walker did. to his mind, his best work.

lain Walker was the eldest

of four sons of a shopkeeper

in Markinch, Fife. He was

educated at Bell Baxter

School, Coupar, and later did

sity. Last year he won a jour-

nalist's fellowship at Queen

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APPRECIATIONS

Sir John Barnes

YOUR pleasing and comprehensive review of the life and career of the late Sir John Barnes (obituary, June 24) took me back almost half a century to the Royal Artillery branch of 21st Army Group headquarters operating from requisitioned houses in Edith Road, Hammersmith, when our small team was electrified by the arrival of a remarkable young major whom I was destined to serve as an NCO clerk in London, Normandy and Brussels until the late spring of 1945 when our unit was disbanded.

In those days John Barnes was certainly a martinet who demanded instant and hyperefficient response to all his requirements. Confronted by this scintil-

lating, impetuous, impatient, witty, richly talented and quite extraordinary person-ality, I found it difficult, as a humbly-educated lowly subordinate, to come to terms with his towering intellect and glittering academic and social background. But although there were occasions when, within the straitjacket of military discipline, relationships became tense. I soon discovered that the brusque exterior and those piercing, bespectacled eyes concealed a compassionate



and warm heart deeply and consistently concerned for the wellbeing of his subordinates. Soon after our demob-ilisation he wrote to me apologising for "the lash" of his "ungrateful tongue" and although our paths then lay

apart for many years we re-mained in touch by correspondence, which, on his part, was lively, witty and exhilarating to the end. In the more recent years of mutual retirement, when I was to experience his delightful and generous hospitality

both in London and at his beautiful Sussex home with gracious Cynthia at his side, our friendship of half a centu-ry seemed to have come delectably full circle.

C. James Martin

Sir Richard Francis

YOUR obituary of Sir Richard Francis (June 27) with its full description of his colourful career with the BBC, fails to do justice to his considerable achievements as director general of the British Council. The BBC certainly provided Dick with a valuable range of contacts in political and public life and an abiding fascination with international events. He put this experience, together with his extraordinary grasp of detail and his tenacity in defence of what he felt to be valuable, unreservedly at the Council's

disposal.

In the Council his leadership was notable for the introduction of a rigorous planning routine with a target of demonstrating that the Council's objective effectively and closely supported those of the Foreign Office. He was convinced that the best way to protect the Council's independent but complementary was to prove its worth by business criteria. This meant fundamental changes of culture and attitude within the organisation. "Value for money" and "efficiency savings" became Council watch

Dick was in his element in his visits to directorates and staff overseas who were stimulated, if often exhausted, by his enthusiasm. His reports to the board were laced with anecdote, local colour and

stories of his numerous con-

words. The latter comfortably

outpaced Whitehall norms.

tacts in high places, all of which imparted the thrill he got from the Council's operations in the field. As well as a strong commit-

ment to the promotion of the English language he wanted to see the best of British art in all its forms exhibited abroad. He was active in promoting the "Britain in Europe" cam-paign in 1989 when the Council joined forces with business to promote the U.K.

through the arts in the European single market. The programme of events assembled to demonstrate Britain's cultural identity amongst our European partners was, he said, "the most powerful ar-mada of British culture ever assembled for a single purpose". He was quick, as your obituary acknowledged, to recognise the opportunities for Britain in Eastern Europe which the Council was so well placed to exploit on this coun-

ny's behalf. The successful extension of the Council's network in the former communist countries is perhaps the best testimony to Dick's energy and farhteriness.

Dick received devoted support from his wife Penny. Together they made many friends for the Council, at home and for Britain abroad.

> Sir David Orr former Chairman o The British Council.

> > 1957

OUR obituary of Sir Richard Francis said that he resigned from the BBC after failing to succeed Alasdair Milne as director general. In fact he resigned in 1986, some time before Mr Milne's departure in 1987.

coming up to 5 o'clock arrived

the most pointed moment so far of this year's Wimbledon.

PETER WADLAND

Peter Wadland, senior producer for Decca Records, died on June 30 aged 46. He was born in Devon on May 28, 1946.

PETER Wadland was one of the most musical, adventurous and persevering of record producers. During his twenty odd years in the industry his role took on an ever increasing importance. He was responsible for begin-ning the Florilegium series of period-instrument performances for Decca's subsidiary, L'Oiseau Lyre, which was intended to compete with Deutsche Grammophon's Archiv label. He engaged the Academy of Ancient Music, the creation of the conductor Christopher Hogwood, and its recordings were an astonishing success in both artistic and commercial terms, owing much to Wadland's skills. The AAM's most significant work was a complete set of Mozart symphonies and there was much admiration for its version of Haydn's The Creation.

Hogwood and his orchestra, under Wadland's tute-

Virgil Gheorghiu, Roma-nian novelist and priest,

died in Paris on June 22

aged 75. He was born in

Rasboieni, now in Molda-

via, on September 15,

1916.

THE son of an Orthodox priest, Virgil Gheorghiu began his career as a diplo-

mat in the service of the

highly unstable government of inter-war Romania. In

1944, when the communists

started their take-over bid of

his native country (which they

finally completed in 1947) he

emigrated to France. Like his

compatriot, the ex-Nazi and anti-Semite, Vintila Horia, he

took to writing novels in

French soon after his arrival

in Paris, although the only book for which he is at all well

known in English-speaking

countries. The Twenty-Fifth

Hour, was originally pub-lished in Romanian as Ora

25 (1947). Ora 25 was soon

translated into French as La



lage, added to their achievements the complete Beethoven symphonies and were on the way to making a complete set of the Haydn symphonies. Even more important have been the recordings produced by Wadland of Mozarr's operas made over the past ten years by the Dronningshoim Court Theatre Orchestra conducted by Arnold Ostman. These established new standards in immediacy and truthfulness in hard to surpass and owe a great deal to Wadland's genius in creating a natural ambience far from the overreverberant sound so much in favour today. At the time of his death Wadland was looking forward to recording Die Zauberflote with the same

Wadland was a connois-

seur of voices which enabled him to cast his operas with cernment. He was also tactful and encouraging with famous artists, and handled Joan Sutherland well when she recorded Handel's Athalia with Hogwood a few years back. It was her first foray into period-instrument performance and Wadland loved to retell Sutherland's comment on hearing the play-backs: "Come to think of it, I'm a bit of an old instrument myself." He also delighted in listening to the great singers of the past old records of Tetrazzini were often to be heard at his home.

As a lover of a quite different kind of music, the work of the piano virtuoso, he was responsible for many of the recording opera that will be recordings of those unpre-

tion was to be, as he put it,

"the poet of Christ to the

The Twenty-Fifth Hour, in common with several of his

better known novels, put grim

emphasis on the decreasing

role of the individual in a

technological age. Gheor-ghiu's point was that modern

life does no more than pre-

scribe categories by which in-

dividuals are then judged.

The book was neat and a

good adventure story which made a valid ethical point.

But it was never in the class of

the fiction of such Romanians

as Cezar Petrescu, Marin Preda or even Mircea Eliade.

In 1967 the capable Henri Verneuil made it into a block-

buster movie under its English title of The Twenty-Fifth

Hour - a Franco-Italian-Yu-

goslav production in which

Carlo Ponti was the prime

mover. One of the scriptwrit-

ers was Wolf Mankowitz.

Starring Anthony Quinn, Virna Lisi, Michael Redgrave

Romanian people".

VIRGIL GHEORGHIU

dictable geniuses. Shura Cherkassky and Jorge Bolet. Yet another landmark was the complete recording he made of the Shostakovich Quarters with the Fitzwilliam Quartet, which have just reappeared on CD.

Wadiand was taken to Belgium by his parents at the age of two, but eventually returned to Britain to study at King's College, Taunton. the whole contents of the school record library, storing up knowledge for his future career. He first worked in the sales department of the music publisher Schott while teaching the recorder. He then became advertising manager of Hansom Books, which produced magazines on the arts in the 1960s. In answer to an advertisement, he applied to be, and was appointed, assistant label manager at Decca in 1968, and produced his first record in 1971 - of Renaissance duets - which is still selling well. He had

found his métier. Wadland was an enthusiastic cook and took pleasure in entertaining his friends.

and Alexander Knox. it

looked highly promising on

paper but on screen it was all a bit overblown and did indif-

Gheorghiu, as colourful as

he was prolific, wrote many

more competently sensational novels, including La

Seconde Chance (1949) and

Les Immortelles d'Agapia

(1964). These and others did

reasonably well in Europe

and were widely translated, but made small impact in

England and America. Later

work included God in Paris

In 1971 Gheorghiu be-came Patriarch of the Roma-

nian Orthodox Church in

Paris and was a consistently

fierce critic of the Ceausescu

regime in his native country.

Amongst his own books he

himself most valued the novel

which won him international

fame and his memoirs, pub-

lished in 1986. Le Temoin de

la vingt-cinquième heure.

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and Christ in Lebanon.

ferently at the box-office.

Iain Walker, executive editor of The Mail on Sunday. died while climbing in the north-west Highlands on June 30 aged 48. He was born in Dundee on July 7. 1943.

IAIN Walker had a particular aptitude for campaign-ing journalism. His fight on behalf of parents in Rochdale, Lancs, was perhaps the ie oi inis strengti He and a diligent team of reporters tackled head-on social workers who had taken children into care after claiming that "satanic abuse" had been practised on them by their parents. The culmination of the investigations was a ministerial enquiry and the rubbishing of the satanic abuse theory. Walker was named campaigning journalist of the year in the British Press Awards for 1990 for the Rochdale stories.

He was proud to be part of the band of journalists who worked their way up from Scottish provincial newspapers to the highest reaches of Fleet Street. However, in spite of the executive status he achieved in later years he never considered himself to be anything other than a re-porter, albeit, as he said himself, "the best paid in Fleet

Street". He had a positive hunger for news - an almost child-like fascination for interesting facts and for pieces of seemingly useless information. But it was in his assembling and dissemination of such facts that Walker excelled. He worked for popular newspapers throughout his career and revelled in his ability to tell complicated sto-ries, not normally associated with the tabloid press, just as

well as the "heavies". He came into his own as a journalist when he joined The Mail on Sunday. He was news editor when the paper was launched ten years ago and had no further to look for his "splash" for the opening issue than the RAF's bombing of the runway at Port Stanley. "I think I may have something to fill your first front page," said a friend and contact at the Ministry of Defence on the eve of publication. And so Walker had a two-hour break on the story.

A proud Scot, he was happiest when walking in the Scottish hills and he would have thought it fitting that it was in those hills that he met his death. In spite of his background he became an Anglican, very much on the Anglo-Catholic wing — a follower of the former Bishop of London, Graham Leonard. and a fierce opponent of the ordination of women priests. He was a regular church attender at home in Purley. Surrey, and often visited

Clare, also a journalist, and a son and daughter.

tions against newspapers. He began his journalistic career with the DC Thomson Group, based in Dundee. He

later worked for the Daily Mail, the Daily Record and the Sun. Among his major foreign assignments were covering the Black Septem-ber fighting in Amman, the Bangladesh War, the Yom Kippur War and the civil war in Rhodesia.

churches near his office. He is survived by his wife

ON THIS DAY July 3

Christine Truman was at 16 the youngest girl to reach the semi-finals at Wimbledon this semi-finals at Wimbleson Ina century. She lost to Althea Gibson (referred to as Miss Gibson of Harlem throughout), who went on to become the first coloured player to win a Wimbledon

MISS TRUMAN **AGAINST AMERICA**

From our Lawn Tennis Correspondent

It was ladies' day at Wimble-

don yesterday in every sense. Here were the last eight of the women to contest their singles, here was the leminine element filling the surrounding and sunny picture with fashion and colour. The centre of this day's picture included five American players and with them three of the seedlings — the Misses Truman, Reynolds and Reyes, of Great Britain, South Africa. and Mexico, to offer youthful challenge. It was a situation that offered much. Two questions overrode all others: would Miss Brough, Wimbledon champion of 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1955, take a step forward towards another title; would precocious youth have the last word with its elders?

In the event the answers were no and yes. No to Miss Brough, who was fairly and squarely beaten by her Ameri-can sister, Miss Hard, to the extent of 6-2, 6-2; and yes to Miss Truman, who lifted the roof off the centre court when she beat Mrs. Pratt, also of America, by 9-7, 5-7, 6-4 in a tingling match that stretched across almost two hours of suspense and heartheat. So now, almost like some fairy story, Miss Truman, at the tender age of 16 in her first Wimbledon, has won a place in tomorrow's semi-finals, where she will play the favourite, Miss Gibson of Harlem. With the hour hand just

Miss Truman swept her fore-hand drive to the sidelines. Mrs. Pratt groped in vain; a breathless last rally was over, the tension broken, and a splendid British victory was being cheered to the echo. Indeed, at that precise moment Miss Gibson was about to serve for her own victory of 6-3, 6-4 over Miss Reynolds on court one just next door. But the wave of noise broke over the stands. The swelling roar was taken up far and wide, and Miss Gibson, rather perplexed. was forced to stand and wait while the crowds and the hubbub subsided. It was a moment to remember contrast, excitement, challenge and recovery, and at the end of it all there were two points to make, each pleasant. First, the packed gallery of the centre

court kept its impartiality splendidly until all pen-up feelings broke through finally; secondly, Mrs. Prait was the most generous of opponents. The two were poles apart in their methods, Miss Truman. again lived on her forchand drive, which every now and then fairly swept the court from end to end. To this she added some astute lobbing as occasion demanded. Mrs. Pran, on the other hand, offered far the wider variety. Here was the drop shot, often beautifully timed and measured, followed by the deep lob if required, and the low slice to the backhand,

But most of all she settled

herself in the forecourt, search-

ing for every volley.

Some would have been broken, and indeed there came two crises in the match when it seemed that Miss Truman would succumb on the very threshold of victory. Outwardly she looked calm and collected. for all the world like some tall schoolgiri out for a little afterthe strain must have told as the tide that seemed to be flowing ebbed. Yet in the nick of time she recovered to hold on to a

Birthdays today

Miss Evelyn Anthony, author, 64; Sir Bernard Burrows, diplomat. 82: Sir William Deakin, former warden, St Antony's College, Oxford, 79: Air Marshal Sir Aubrey Ellwood, 95: Sir Eric Franklin, Indian civil servant. 82: Mr David Gandolfo, racehorse trainer, 54; the Hon Sir Eusrace Gibbs, former vice-marshal, Diplomatic Corps, 63: Sir Richard Hadlee, cricketer, 41: Sir Edward Jones, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 80; Mr Anthony Lesier, QC, chairman, Runnymede Trust 56; the Countess of Loudoun, 73; Mr lain Macdonald-Smith, yachtsman, 47; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Mackenzie. 79; the Very Rev Dr William McMillan, former Moderator of

the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 65; Lord Mulley, 74; Mr Stavros Niarchos, shipping magnate, 83: Professor Michael Oliver, cardiologist, 67; the Earl of Orkney, 73: Professor Gwendolen Rees, zoologist, 86; Mr Ken Russell, film director, 65; Baroness Ryder of Warsaw, 69; Mr Francis Steegmuller, writer, 86; Judge Heather Steel, 52: Mr Tom Stoppard, playwright, 55; Sir John Swan, Premier of Bermuda, 57; Mr Justice Waite, 60: Sir John Wills, Lord Lieutenant of

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(1949) as well as into English.

It remained the most famous

of the sixty or so novels he

wrote. But from the time of its

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newsworthy figure in France,

not least because in 1963 he

was ordained a priest of the Romanian Orthodox

Church. His highest ambi-

Avon, 64. Appointment Sir Peter Walker-Okeover to be a Deputy Licutenant for Stafford-

Dinners Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, Secretary-General of the United Nations. The other guests were:

Mr Mantick Goulding, Ms Fayza Abulnaga, Mr Neil Biscoe, the Hon Douglas Hoge, QC, MP, Sir David Hannay, Sir Source Brauthwaise and Mr Stephen Wall.

Company of Chartered The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sher-iffs and their ladies, attended the annual ladies dinner of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr R.G. Wilkes, Master, pre-

sided, assisted by Mr F.E. Worsley, Senior Warden, and Corps of Royal Engineers Mrs B.M. Culverhouse, Junior Warden. The Lord Mayor and M Albert Roux also spoke.

During the dinner the Master presented the Lord Mayor with a cheque for his Learning Together

appeal, for the support of student tujoring initiatives at Covenity among the guests. Polytechnic, Lancaster University RAF Biggin Hill and Harfield Polytechnic. 74 Club Mr Robert Adley, MP, and Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, MP. Joint Presidents of the 74 Club, and Mr Paul Jackson, chairman. entertained Mr David Mellor. QC. Secretary of State for National Heritage, at ditiner last night at the House of Commons.

Sandi-British Society

Lord Denman, Chairman of the Saudi-British Society, was host at a reception held yesterday in the Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to welcome Dr Ghazi A. Algosaibi on

Council of the Inter-Par-liamentary Union

Houses of Parliament.

Service dinners

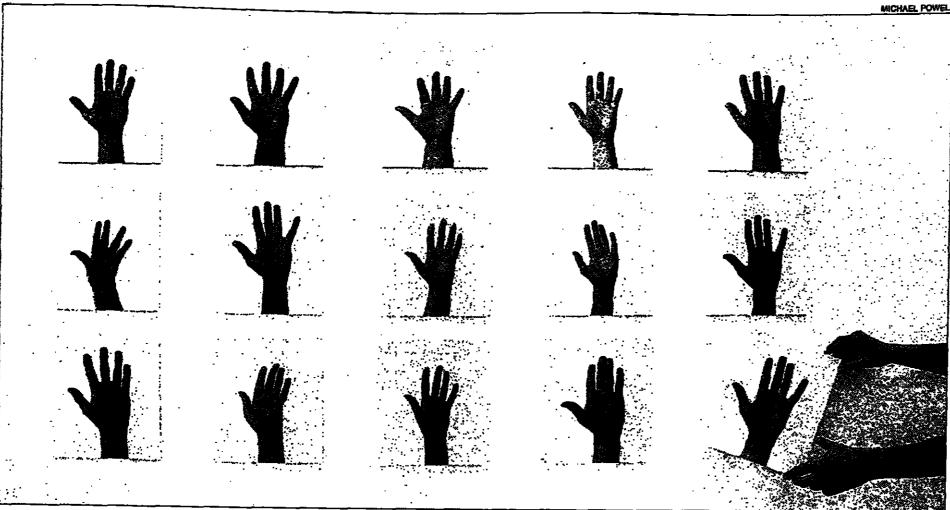
General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a corps guest night dinner held last night at headquarters mess. Chatham. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon. Commanderin-Chief. RAF Strike Command. and Sir Neil Westbrook were

Air Commodore P.D.L. Gover. Air Officer Commanding and Commandant, Officers and Aircrew Selection Centre, RAF Biggin Hill, attended the final guest night dinner held last night at the Officers' Mess. Wing Commander C.D. Joyner, presided. Wing Commander "Cos" Cosby was among those present.

Receptions

his appointment as ambassador of Saudi Arabia.

Sir Michael Marshall, MP, President of the Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and Lady Marshall were hosts at a reception held last night at the House of Commons for Members of the Diplomatic Corps and both



Hands up: Simon Fleury hangs the final photograph of his work Family, Particulars, for the display at the Royal College of Art's 1992 degree show which is open to the public until July 13 at the Darwin Building, Kensington Gore, southwest London

Troops and food parcels bring hope to Sarajevo

Continued from page ! filled with foreboding that a single sniper's bullet or an angry sentry at a Serbian checkpoint could bring the whole relief operation to a halt. At the same time the arrival of the white Norwegian air force plane, covered in UN markings and carrying 15 tons of medicine sup-plied by an American aid organisation, provided an uplift to jaded spirits.

The plane's arrival silenced several hours of sporadic sniper and machinegun fire around the airport, although nobody could be quite sure whether the fire was from the Serb or Muslim positions.

Earlier the first of the 850 Canadian troops from a special battalion under UN command arrived from their barracks in Croatia after a perilous 52-hour journey. which included clearing minefields and getting central Bosnia between advancing Croats and retreating Serb units.

But the focus of attention yesterday was the airport and

the sorry state of the terminal - a tangle of broken glass, twisted metal and spent bullet cartridges littered the arrival lounge. Travel posters for faraway exotic destinations lay torn, mixed with those advertising the local beauty of Sarejevo and its many attractions.

A French contingent, which had arrived several days ago to get the ruined control tower up and running again, found itself sweeping broken glass and gun cartridges from the terminal.

The arrival of the latest UN force, the fifth in as many days, coincided with a sunny day after a driving rainstorm had descended, sending the snipers to ground for half an hour. The sniping resumed when the sun shone, but died minutes later as the Norwegian plane made its final approach to what is undoubt-edly the world's most dangerous airfield.

UN forces, primarily French and Canadian units looked a little relieved as the plane landed. So did the local commander of the UN forces.

General Lewis Mackenzie. who told journalists who gathered on the tarmac that he was "encouraged" by the plane's arrival and the progress being made in making the airport fully opera-tional and safe again. But he admitted that he was still concerned about artillery

withdrawn by Serb units

which they claim are out of

range of the airfield, but

clearly are not. Even as the general spoke of airport security, a sniper's bullet landed on the tarmac, yards from the aircraft and underscored the dangers which remain for the UN in trying to bring the relief supplies from the airport to the besieged centre of the city, five miles away.

A lot of hard work lies ahead. General Mackenzie added that his troops would return fire if UN lives or property were at stake. The problem, however, would be to identify the culprits, which is quite impossible to do.

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By Philip Howard

French blockade worsens

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Six near Fontainebleau had started to disband by midafternoon after negotiations with transport ministry officials, but on other routes drivers seemed more determined than ever to go on with their action. Road blocks by lorry drivers, unlike those by French farmers, have proved impervious to attacks from the feared CRS riot police. Drivers have used citizen band radios to co-ordinate blocks on the "nationales" or N-roads as

well as autoroutes. Motorists and coach drivers said that it was still possible to move around, but only by using tiny back roads that the lorry drivers had not blocked. The AA said: "Trav-ellers should delay journeys to France if possible. The problems are widespread and the situation is a long trol.

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Thatcher rebuked over Maastricht

Continued from page 1 there was nobody in the party who disliked the idea of a federal Europe more than he did. He demanded the "repatriation" from Brussels of powers for national governments. In a strong attack on centralism "or as some people call it, federalism" Mr Major said that he understood and shared the instinctive gut feelings against it. But Britain could not leave it to France and Germany to lead the EC

and would not get its way by sidelining itself. Making her maiden speech earlier in the Lords as Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven, the former prime minister defended herself against accusations that the Single Euro-pean Act in her time had begun the process of handing over powers to Brussels, saying that Maastricht was on altogether a different scale She complained that politins in the EC co were spending too much time talking together and not enough time talking to elecbetween governments and their peoples.

She underlined her call for a referendum by complaining that with three parties all backing Maastricht at the general election the British people had had no choice.

Lady Thatcher insisted that if the Danes were pressured into reversing the attitude to the treaty they had displayed in their referendum then there was a threat to every European nation: "We could all be overridden."

Her assault on Maastricht and all its works was relentless. The Treaty of Rome, she said, provided for the European Commission to have the sole right of initiative in 11 areas of policy, but under Maastricht that had reached

the increase. People feel that their governments have gone ahead too fast, so that now the gap between governments and people is too much."

Justifiable scepticism is on

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Political sketch

A midsummer day's dream

It was mischief: but it was delicate mischief. "As gently." said Lord Callaghan, "as any sucking dove." The sucking dove, in blue and pearls, smiled, her talons sheathed.

Callaghan put it best She

Callaghan put it best. She had sung sweetly to her new audience, he told us. Patronising her, as he did in those far-off 70s when he was PM. he advised her that their lordships do not take kindly to being her-tored, so she had been wise to avoid the histrionics. Observing her, he added, he was reminded of Bottom.
Lord Callaghan paused.
Eyebrows raised. Callaghan explained. In A Mid-

summer Night's Dream, he said, Bottom says to his co-conspirators "I will roar... but I will aggravate my voice, so that I roar you as gently as any sucking dove; I will roar you as 'twere any nightingale." Peers

The nightingale had been there from the start, looking nervous. From time to time she fiddled with a sheaf of notes, conscious that she was being ob-served. When the Earl of Onslow (something of a card) rounded on a nervous. bespectacled junior vis-count, Lord Goschen (who was defending the government's record on homelessness) and told him that spending £96m on 464 "rough sleepers" was ex-travagant — "it would pay my Lloyd's losses several times over" - she took care not to smile. When Baron-ess Chalker, foreign office minister, rose, Lady That-cher took her glasses from a small black crocodile-skin case and put them on.

Lady Chalker spoke of the vision of a wider community that I know my Rt Hon friend (Lady Thatcher) so much shares". The dove took off her glasses, impas-sive. When Chalker, in episcopal drone, sailed into a peroration about "special events" in the British presidency, "a theatre, arts and business programme ... wide range ... full agenda ... whole community ...

busy and interesting ... firm basis for success ... Lady T fumbled in her pocket, pulled something out, and popped it into her mouth A mint? Or a painglasses.

Roy Jenkins spoke before her, offering John Major 'my unwayvawing sup-

port" but explaining that he would have to leave for dinner by 8.15. Prodding Lady Thatcher gently, he advised her not to pull her punches Prodding a little more, he warned that the European vision was not a meal to be taken "à la carte", picking through the menu. Lord Jenkins looked in lip-smacking form, and ready to sign up for olives, canapes, all six courses, pudding savouries, cheese, biscuits, port and petits fours — and then to await the cigars. Lady Thatcher, lips pursed, looked ready for a small green salad. Be-fore sitting down, Lord Jen-kins was kind enough to read extensive sections of his Jean Monet lecture delivered in 1974, to refresh our memories.

The nightingale rose. She thanked Jenkins, complimenting him on his speech. which she took à la carte, approving (she said) of "parts of it". She looked forward to the tranquility of her new nest "after 33 testing years before the mast". The humour worked, and. when she reminded their Lordships that 214 of them had been sent there under her premiership, they decided to take it as a joke. She was sorry to come so early to controversy, she said, but she simply couldn't wait. They took that as a joke, too. Behind her. Geoffrey Howe, who knew it was no joke, lowered his head like an irritable hear. ble bear.

La light skip through the meadows of her scepticism. "I had some great budget battles in my day," she breathed, "I always found that the most effective weapon was No." A chilling smile. "And sometimes No. No. No." Lord Howe gripped his jaw in his hands.

And soon the sucking dove finished her serenade, and yielded to Lord Callaghan, who yielded to

hakespeare. But he did not finish that quote. After promising to start as a nightingale, Bot-

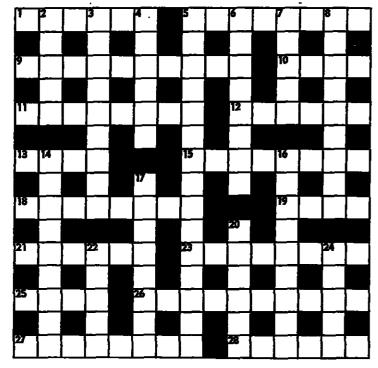
tom arranges to meet his pals again, in a wood . . . "And there we may re-hearse more obscenely and courageously. Take pains. Be perfect. Adieu".

crowded at the door to watch, understood.

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- **ACROSS** I Roller in a textile machine (6).
- 5 Beat, beat and beat again (8). 9 Leading bridge books where the lines are laid down...(5,5).
- 10 ... for the chief part of bridge (4). 11 Contrite writer has one part of 13
- 12 A spirit in Europe and in the east
- 13 Party with eccentric president
- 15 Access for transport (8). 18 Wine passed round in a horn (8).
- 19 Story's end to be heard (4).
- 21 Confirm where cricket fans may

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- 23 Exclusive and strange coteries
- 25 Put arms round and sheltered
- 26 Ale's renown spread in the city
- 27 It's hardly split, see! (8).
- 28 Object to the opening of emperor's grave (6).

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- 2 In a shop, I never express a view
- 3 Plough beginning to break 1 gripped the wrong way (3,6).
- 4 Bat causing loud commotion (6). 5 Avoid seeing how they took real snaps (4,3,5,3).
- 6 Fly doctors to capital (8).
- 7 Prize from a lottery rejected (5). 8 Catch line — disentangle it, using a particular skill (9).
- 14 Together suddenly (3,2,4).
- 16 In control of a race taking two men over 50 miles (2,3,4). 17 Popular attitude, for example (8).
- 20 Stolen gun and car (3,3). 22 Bird dog's not black (5).
- 24 For beginners, it's not normally easy riding into the ring (5).
- Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

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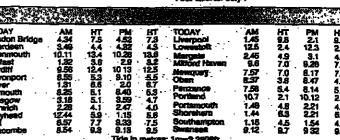
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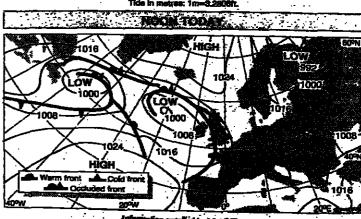
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TODAY IN BUSINESS



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Northern Electricity has notched up a healthy rise in dividends, profits and the amount of power supplied to customers Tempus, page 22

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Europeans spend £5 billion a year on software. but choosing which type to buy can be difficult Infotech, pages 27-31

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PROFILE "



Derek Hunt will make E2.8 million from the MF1 flotation. But he tells Carol Leonard that wealth is something he would never discuss with friends

Fed cuts interest rate on fears of triple-dip recession BY COLIN NARBROUGH

AND MARTIN FLETCHER

FEAR that the American recovery is faltering prompted the Federal Reserve Board to cut its key discount rate by half a point to 3 per cent, its lowest since July 1963.

The Fed move, swiftly followed by matching cuts in the big commercial banks' benchmark prime rates, was an-nounced only an hour after the release of unexpectedly weak jobs figures. The unemployment rate jumped from 7.5 per cent in May to 7.8 per cent in June, the highest rate for eight years. The closely watched payroll figures, which exclude jobs in agriculture, fell 117,000, with all sectors

except the government shedding labour. In May, non-farm payrolls rose 93,000.

Nicholas Brady, the treasury secretary, criticised the Fed for failing to acr sooner. The momentum of the recovery and the sluggish growth of the money supply indicated the need for such action some time ago." he said. Fearful for President Bush's chances of re-election this autumn, the administration has been pressing for lower rates to head off any recurrence of last autumn's dip in recovery.

The administration wants boosting world growth to be top priority at next week's Group of Seven summit in Munich. At a pre-summit meeting in Washington yesterday, Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, promised to use "every possible means" to expand his country's growth, including extra fiscal measures, if necessary. But neither Japan, nor Germany, is likely to cut interest rates in response to the Fed move. The Bundesbank left key rates unchanged yesterday.

The Fed's policy-setting committee, last week thought to have been split over the need for a cut, yesterday voted 7 to nil in favour of easing. It last cut the discount rate on December 20, when a full point was taken off. In April, the Fed cut the federal funds rate, interest banks charge each other, to 3.75 per cent. Yesterday, it signalled a further half point cut in this

grounds for the cuts as "sustained weakness in credit and money growth, continued movement toward price stability and uneven progress of the economic recovery".

An embattled President Bush insisted the economy would still be showing growth in the second quarter, but economists on Wall Street were less optimistic about America's prospects, many seeing the steep drop in non-farm payrolls as a disturbing pointer to the economy slipping back again. After last autumn's talk of a doubledip recession, the concern now is that

America is headed for a triple dip. Market reaction was mixed. Bonds soared, stocks lifted slightly, and the dollar shed two pfennigs to just below DM1.50. hitting its year's low before regaining ground late in the European trading day. ☐ American industrial orders showed an 0.8 per cent fall in May, the first decline for five months. Orders rose by a upward revised 1.3 per cent in April, the fourth

consecutive monthly gain.

C) Bank of England figures on notes in circulation prompted concern on Britain's recovery. The weekly figures showed annual growth of 0.5 per cent in the latest week. indicating M0, the narrow money supply measure, is contracting again. Treasury figures showed Britain's official reserves fell an underlying \$14 million in June.

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Radical reform to follow Lloyd's reports

By Jon Ashworth

LLOYD'S of London is set for the most radical reform in its 300-year history after the publication of two damning reports that cite a badly-regulated market in which outdated management practices prevail.

Sir Jeremy Morse's report on governance of Lloyd's allows six months for the current structure to be changed. From January 1 next year, the Lloyd's council will give way to two new bodies that will take over responsibility for running and regulating the insurance market. The hunt is on for a new figure-head, the chief executive officer, who will run Lloyd's alongside the chairman and a head of regulation. Sir David Walker's report

on Lloyd's paints a picture of a cavalier market in which names, the individuals whose Lloyd's, were introduced to high-risk syndicates without any attempt to check the suitability of such action. Sir David found no systematic fraud involving the London Market Excess (LMX) syndicates but attacked widespread incompetence among

market professionals. The changes will come too late to help the 5,000 names who face crippling losses as a result of their exposure to the LMX spiral, in which policies were reinsured around the market. Disasters, including Hurricane Hugo and Piper Alpha, caused losses in the 1989 underwriting year of £2.06 billion.

The Walker report found no instances of fraud or conspiracy in the market. But it concludes: "Standards of proconcludes: "Standards of pro-fessionalism, care and dili-gence on the part of a number of members' and managing agents and active underwrit-ers [fell] materially below best practice". It accuses some members' agents of failing in their fiduciary responsibilities and points to instances where and points to instances where market professionals were given preferential treatment at the expense of outsiders.

The report calls on Lloyd's to be more pro-active in dealing with lapses among its professionals and be pre-pared to use "vigorous en-forcement and disciplinary action" in respect of regulatory breaches.

Names will have to submit to an annual "financial health check" to assess their spread of risk. These and other proposals mirror those of the Financial Services Act. under which independent financial advisers have a duty to act in the best interests of their clients. Members' agents who advise names on their choice of syndicates will find themselves under similar pressure to give best advice. Sir David is a former chairman of the Securities and

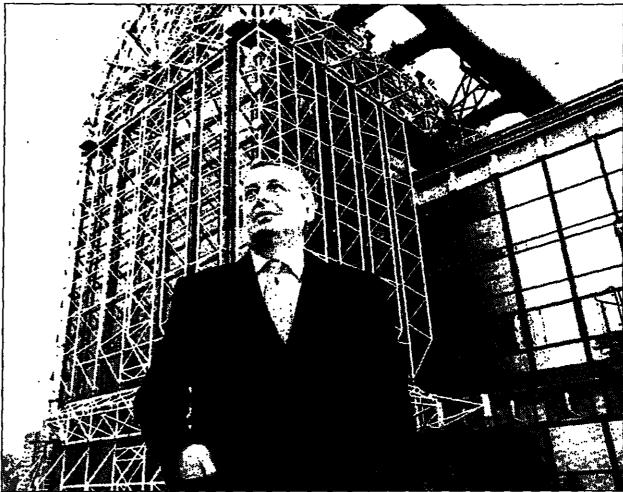
regulatory body under the Act, and is keen to apply the lessons already learned.

Sir Jeremy proposes that Lloyd's be run under a triangular structure, loosely dominated by a smaller, less influential council. Control of the market will pass to two new bodies: a Market Board to oversee business conduct and a Regulatory Board to deal with disciplinary matters. The chairman of Lloyd's will sit at the head of the Regulatory Board, but two new posts will reduce his influence. He will work closely with the chief executive officer. An independent chairman of the Regulatory Board will be under pressure to put the Walker report's recommendations into play. Lloyd's hopes to find a suitable candidate for the post of chief executive officer by the end of

David Coleridge, who is up for re-election as chairman of Lloyd's at the end of the year, said the Walker report was "an honest criticism of perceived weaknesses which we will address with all possible speed". He said regulation must not be allowed to stifle underwriters' expertise. ☐ A court ruled yesterday that Lloyd's did not have a duty of care to its members over management of the

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Oakeley Vaughan syndicates.



Promising a speedy response: David Coleridge reacting to the critical Walker report yesterday

Names welcome findings as fuel for fight

LLOYD'S names welcomed the publication of the Walker report and promised to use its condemnation of lax standards in the insurance market as evidence in future legal action to recover some of their multi-million pound losses.

Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman of the Gooda-Walker Action Group, said: "For the first time we have an official version of how the LMX spiral operated. The report is couched in cautious language but every other paragraph to make the governance struc- market. He admitted that the contains implicit or explicit criticism of the market and the regulatory system." he said. "This is concrete evidence for use in a court of law. We believe we will have great

facility for getting legal reme-dies from this." Mark Farrer, chairman of the Association of Lloyd's Members, congratulated Sir Jeremy Morse on a "thorough" report calling for a new structure for Lloyd's. "The thrust of the proposals is to define responsibilities clearly,

ture more responsive and to place a proper emphasis on business development."

The Labour party called on the Lloyd's council to say what disciplinary action it plans following the Walker report's findings of unacceptable standards among some Lloyd's professionals.

Paul Archard, chairman of the Lloyd's Underwriters Association, was pleased the Walker committee had found no evidence of fraud or any attempt to manipulate the

professionals in Lloyd's were partly to blame for the LMX losses. "If you look at the 1989 results, how can you say we were all doing our best," he said. On the Morse report. he said the changes should be adopted immediately to help the market recover. "I am feeling quite enthusiastic about the market now. Rates are going up and prospects are good. Names are going to stick with us, and these changes will all help to build on what we are doing."

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Depressed market forces MFI to cut its flotation share price

Investments Board, the main

By Michael Tate, City editor

MFI has been tofced to discount its shares by more than 20 per cent in an atreflotation next week.

Britain's leading furniture retailer and manufacturer has priced its shares at 115p each, compared with the 145p that was thought possible when the float plans were put in motion last

The soggy state of the stock market and the poor reception given to other share sales forced the group to cut its price sharply. GPA's share sale was pulled, Wellcome's shares have tumbled more than 25 per cent since sale plans were unveiled and The relegraph saw more than two thirds of its shares left with the underwriters on Wednes-

At 115p a share, MFI is valued at £669 million. The flotation will raise E545 million for the company, com-pared with the £750 million envisaged in April's post-election euphoria. But it is still enough to repay the group's £500 million of debt

and leave some over. There will be no immediate share bonanza for Derek Hunt, chairman and chief executive, and his executives. They have shelved plans to sell up to 20 per cent of their holdings. However, six of the seven executive directors who backed the 1987 management buyout from Asda will each receive £1 million bonuses on completion of the flotation. The seventh, Mr Hunt. will collect £1.3 million.

There will have been disap-

which will realise £73 million on the sale of its stake. At one point, the hard-pressed supermarket chain looked like

collecting £90 million.
Of the 547 million shares being sold by MFI, 410 million had been placed last night. The only disappointment was that only 6.18 million were placed with UK financial intermediaries. The public offer, through which the group will sell the remaining 137 million shares, will

close next Friday.
Nick Bubb, at Morgan
Stanley, believes MFI can make pre-tax profits of £94 million this year, to give earnings of 13.4p a share. This suggests that the 115p offer price buys just 8.6 years earnings, and explains why pointment, too, at Asda,

SIB will not publish full **Imro** report

THE Securities and Invest-ments Board (SIB) yesterday said it would not publish a full report prepared by the Invest-ment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) on its part in the Maxwell affair because it could prejudice pending legal action.
Imro passed the report to

the SIB on June 5. The SIB recently gave the Treasury an assessment of Imro's report into the theft of more than £450 million from Maxwell pension funds as well as an assessment of its own perfor-mance. The government has asked the SIB to elaborate on a number of issues. The SIB said that "as soon

as this further work has been completed, it will make a statement setting out its assessments and the actions it is the placing had been completed by 4.15 pm yesterday. taking together with a summary of Imro's conclusions." taking together with a sum-

Hi-Tec stumbles in Olympic year

By GEORGE SIVELL

FRANK van Wezel might have expected Olympic year to raise Hi-Tec, the sports shoe group, to the heights; instead it appears to plumbing the Stygian depths.

The stock market put the

boot in to the personal fortune of Mr van Wezel, the chairman of Hi-Tec, after he delivered a profits warning at the sports shoe group's anmual meeting. Mr van Wezel lost £16.63 million on paper yesterday as the shares fell from 175p to 106p. He still owns 56 per cent of Hi-Tec shares, worth £25.5 million on paper at last night's close.

Behind the profits warning

lies an admission of tempo-



Van Wezel: cost cutting race against Nike and Ree-

bok for the British training shoe market. Khaleeq Taimuri, analyst at Carr Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, said "the dumping of rary defeat by Hi-Tee in the excess stock combined with

the lack of upturn in consum-er demand had hurt Hi-Tec. Mr Taimuri said Nike, Reebok and LA Gear had been cutting prices by up to 40 per cent to achieve sales in Britain. Such discounts bring Nike and Reebok into the price range traditionally occupied by Hi-Tec, forcing Hi-Tec in turn to cut prices to

maintain sales. Mr Taimuri has cut his forecast for the full year to January 1993 from £11 million pre-tax profit to £4 milat the half year stage.

lion. He expects a break-even Yesterday's events appear to justify Hi-Tecs efforts to diversify out of the British training shoe market into broader markets around the world. Analysts say the

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North American hiking market is going well for Hi-Tec and expect European textiles brands to do well. At the annual meeting Mr

van Wezel said: "Our UK sales so far this year are significantly below those achieved in the corresponding period of last year, and are below our earlier expectations, and we are experiencing a sharper squeeze on margins. Inevitably, these factors will have a pronounced adverse impact on our overall results for the first half of this year.

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Profits at **Fleming** soar 59%

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT Fleming has become the second most profitable merchant bank in the City, behind SG Warburg. In the year to March 31, its pretax profits surged by 59 per cent to £76.6 million.

The privately owned bank revealed pre-tax profits for the first time, as part of a move towards full public disclosure of its results. Previously it announced only the after-tax figure. Fleming still holds secret, inner reserves which it will be forced to reveal in 1994 by the European Commis-sion's bank account directive.

GGT pegs payout as figures dip

Gold Greenlees Trott, the advertising and marketing services group, said trading conditions continued to be difficult. The final dividend is held at 5p making an un-changed total of 8.3p, despite a decline in pre-tax profits to E4.09 million (E5.02 million) in the year to the end of April.

Operating profits were down from £5.58 million to £5.16 million on turnover reduced from £266.6 million to £234.1 million.

Fatter Farepak

Farepak, a food hamper sup-plier, raised pre-tax profits 31 per cent to £4.84 million in the year to April 30 on sales up 35 per cent to £62.8 million. The total dividend rises 29 per cent to 5p from earnings per share up 29 per cent to 14.3p.

EC allows bid

The European Commission has approved a bid by Britain's J Bibby & Sons for Finanzanto SA, which is involved in the distribution of earth-moving equipment in John Manser, chief executive, said the bank had had a satisfactory but not outstanding year in all areas. Fleming was beginning to make its figures more public to emphasise the group's size. "Our group is larger and more diverse than people imagine. It is important that people are aware of the strength of our

operations." Fleming is acting as global co-ordinator in the imminent Wellcome share sale, one of the largest corporate finance transactions it has ever attempted it has set up a computerised centre to monitor institutional demand and handle allocations.

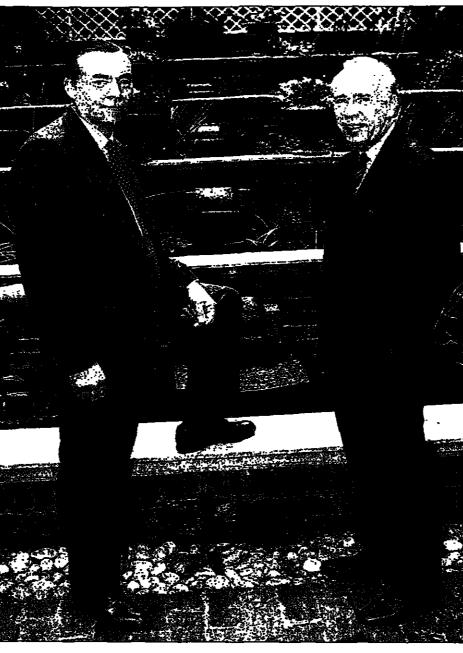
Mr Manser said the current year had started well with the Wellcome sale. "It is still early days though, and markets are going through a nervous per-iod," he said. "The world badly needs lower interest

All the group's operations improved their performance in the past year except securities, which were hit by the downturn in the Tokyo stock market. The British securities business reduced its losses; profits fell in the European

Asset management remains Fleming's largest business; assets under management were steady at £27 billion. The group is still Britain's largest investment trust manager, having launched an emerging markets trust and a £90 million income and capital trust. Save & Proper, Fleming's unit trust and pensions manager, sold £169 million in personal equity plans.

Mr Manser said the group's banking division was also successful, suffering only a small increase in bad debts on its £800 million loan book. Provisions remained less than I per cent of loans.

Jardine Fleming, the bank's 17-year-old joint venture in the Far East with Jardine Matheson, the trading group, increased net profits by 14 per cent to US\$84 million.



Healthy growth: David Morris, chairman, left, and Tony Hadfield, managing director, yesterday revealed a rise of 41 per cent to £98.2 million in Northern Electric's pre-tax profits for the year to end-March. The dividend is 18.55p (16.25p). Tempus, page 22

Markheath slips deeper into loss

investment and development group, has written off £21.7 million against its accounts for the year to March, mostly provisions against the fall in its property values. It has scrapped its final dividend (Michael Tate writes).

The provisions have left the company, 61.5 per cent of which is owned by the Adelaide Steamship group, with a pre-tax loss of £22.8 million for the year, compared with

MARKHEATH, a property the £4.1 million deficit recorded for 1990-1.

There is no final dividend to add to the 0.5p interim that shareholders have already received. Last year, they collected 4p. split evenly between the interim and final payments.

Michael Rendle, the former BP managing director brought in as chairman a year ago, said the strategy was to reduce borrowings through asset disposals and cuts in

lio remains the group's greatest strength," he said. The bulk of the provisions,

£15.5 million, relate to the diminution of the group's property values. Following the provisions,

net assets are £55 million, or 45.1p a share, against £78.9 million, or 64.6p, a year ago. By the year-end, the company's net borrowings had been reduced from £95.4 million to

EC gives France go-ahead to aid Bull

By Wolfgang Minchau, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE European Commission has cleared plans by the French government to inject Fr6.7 billion into Bull, the state-owned computer maker.

The decision came after a year-long investigation into whether the funds provided by the French government would amount to a distortion of competition. Bull's European rivals, including ICL of Brit-ain, had claimed that they

Of the money promised by the French government, Fr4 billion is in the form of a capital increase, half of which was already committed last year, with the remainder due later this year. The remaining Fr2.7 billion is for research and development.

The commission argued that the funding was legal because it was "a necessary part" of a subsequent restructuring programme, in which Bull laid off close to 10,000 staff. The commission said that the restructuring was crucial to its decision, which might have been different a year earliet.

The complex recapitalisa-tion of Bull can now go ahead as scheduled. A vital element was IBM's decision earlier this vear to take a 5.7 per cent stake in Bull in a deal that also included an ambitious technological agreement under which Bull agreed to use IBM's Risc (reduced instrucset computing) architecture.

The chances of a ruling against Bull and the French government were slim, regardless of the investigation's outcome. France is just over two months away from its referendum on the Maastricht treaty, and a ruling against Bull would have infuriated the French government, whose industrial policy has come under severe attack from Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner. The most celebrated case was two years ago, when Sir Leon ordered the French government to repay aid granted to Renault, the carmaker.

T&N shares jump after asbestos claim fails

T&N shares rose 5p to 143p yesterday after the industrial group said it had been dismissed from a \$75 million-plusinterest damage claim in the United States. The claim had been brought by Prudential Insurance Company of America over asbestos in fireproofing material in the Prudential Centre in Boston, Massachuseus, built between 1959 and

Colin Hope, T&N chairman and chief executive, commented that significant defences are available to the company in such claims and that it would continue to defend itself in such claims and that it believes to be exaggerated and unmeritorious claims. After a three-week trial an American court found that T&N had no liability to compensate Prudential for alleged costs in dealing with the material.

Alba bucks the trend

ALBA, manufacturer of consumer electronics, bucked the ALBA, manufacturer of consumer electronics, bucked the depressed trend in consumer spending to increase taxable profits from £4.2 million to £5.06 million in the year to the end of March. Although sales slipped from £1 i 1.2 million to £1 10.97 million, trading profits increased from £4.5 million to £5.1 million despite a £656,000 trading loss at Hinari Deutschland, the German subsidiary that is being closed. Trading profits from continuing activities rose 73.3 per cent. The final dividend is lifted to 3.75p (3.35p), making 4.75p (4.35p).

Sims Food ahead

SIMS Food Group, the fresh meat processor, increased pretax profits 13 per cent in the year to end-March to £9.31 million, but shareholders are warned that the recession is now having a "very serious effect on the industry". The results show a 10 per cent advance in turnover to £251 million. Operating profits surged 19 per cent to £11.3 million, but the £403,000 cost of last year's boardroom changes, which included the resignation of Ron Randall, chief executive, has reduced the rise at the pre-tax stage to 13.3 per cent. The final dividend rises to 8.2p, making 11.25p (10.25p).

John Tams placing

JOHN Tams Group, a maker of coffee mugs, tableware and china, is raising £1.6 million through a placing and open offer of new shares. Investors are offered one new share for every ten existing shares at 70p, against yesterday's market price of 75p, down 2p. About £800,000 is needed to convert a works in Stoke-on-Trent into a distribution centre. The balance will be used to reduce borrowings. After the placing, directors' shareholdings, including the Tams family interest, will be reduced from 79.4 per cent to 72.1 per cent.

Dewhurst profit up

DEWHURST, a maker of electrical control equipment. increased profits from £201,330 before tax to £309.874 in the six months to March 31. Earnings rose from 1.22p a share to 1.85p and the interim dividend is increased from 0.6p to 0.63p. Turnover rose slightly from £3.9 million to £4.21 million and trading profits from £201,330 to £309,874. The company said it was confident that a high level of investment in product development over recent years would continue to support profit recovery.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

VACANCY NOTICE Interim Director General of the Regional African Satellite Communications System (RASCOM)

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To ensure that the organization is run according to the

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him by the Board of Directors.

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- Age not more than 55 years.

advantage.

- 7. Applicant must be an African.
- The RASCOM Organization

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How names were sucked into a spiral of loss

The Walker report on the LMX spiral offers an 18-point plan to ensure that names need never again suffer such ruinous losses. says Neil Bennett

Sir David: damning

SIR David Walker's report into the operation of the London market excess of loss (LMX) spiral in Lloyd's of London is a damning condemnation of the working practites of the insurance market. It recommends a series of sweeping new regulations designed to protect names from excessive risk, increase Lloyd's regulatory powers and improve professional standards with-

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in the markets. In an opening letter to David Coleridge, Lloyd's chairman, Sir David outlined the gravity of Lloyd's difficulties but stressed that his suggested reforms could help the market to recover. "It is of immense importance for Lloyd's to learn from the hards and sharps of recent experience and to find a way forward," he said.

We believe the implementation of our proposals will greatly reduce

'Brokers can be persuasive and some underwriters are more likely to be influenced by blandishments than others'

the risk that comparable losses will ever be faced by names in future. While we find much to criticise, weaknesses that have been identified can be rectified, though the task needs to be approached

The report gives a graphic account of how the LMX spiral, once one of the most profitable areas of cants over the stile than to filtering Lloyd's, crashed into unprecedentfree on the second thousands of Lloyd's names. In was exposed when the market 1989, just 14 LMX syndicates lost £952 million, more than half the market's total losses, while all the LMX lost £1.17 billion.

The report shows how real underwriting risks were concealed through successive reinsurance, and how premiums were squeezed

through intense competition. The report's introduction is an indictment of the standards among Lloyd's professionals, both members' agents, which look after names and place them on syndi-

cates, and managing agents, which run Lloyd's underwriting syndicates.

The committee viewed stan-dards of professionalism, care and diligence on the part of a number of members' and managing agents and active underwriters as falling materially below best practice. The approach to fiduciary responsibilities, in the case of several members' agents, [was] lax... and certain aspects of regulatory policies [were] insufficient to identify

shortcomings in performance." The report criticises all the professionals involved in the LMX spiral, underwriters, brokers and members' agents, whose practices contributed to the massive losses.

The growth of the reinsurance market was also encouraged by smooth-talking brokers who took a 10 per cent commission on every contract, but the brokers come off most lightly in the committee's criticisms. The report says there is no evidence that brokers bribed underwriters to accept LMX business. "Brokers are capable of being very persuasive and some underwriters are more likely to be influenced by their blandishments than others," the report says. "The committee believes that active underwriters on several of the lossmaking syndicates were heavily influenced by LMX brokers. But the committee believes the responsibility rests and should rest with active underwriters."

Members' agents come in for criticism for being too eager to recruit unsuitable names. "The committee consider that standards for the registration of members' agents have been insufficiently rigorous in the past, with some cants over the stile than to filtering out the unsuitable.

"The weakness in the LIMLA sou suffered a series of catastrophe losses, including the hurricane of 1987, the Piper Alpha explosion in 1988 and the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989.

The events that led to the losses, however, began in the early 1980s, when reinsurers began to reinsure themselves against heavy losses. "The LMX spiral was created through the interchange of business to which this led, involving a

transfer of exposures within the

market rather than their dispersal."

The problems occurred when the spiral became too complex for s risk. "The trans fer of risk within the market meant that transparency virtually disappeared. It seems that some under-

writers who were readier to take on

LMX business typically questioned the broker only about the premium

rate on the previous layer." The committee questioned many of the underwriters involved in the market, and has decided they genuinely believed their LMX transactions would improve their syndicates' profits, despite the uncertainty over risk and the commissions taken by brokers at each stage

of the reinsurance. By 1988, the spiral had grown so large that the ning it properly, and that there is 43,000 claims, estimated to be worth \$15 billion. This was more than ten times the actual loss.

The spiral then operated to concentrate a large part of the loss on a few syndicates at the end of the chain. Despite the vast number of transactions, the committee found no evidence that there had been any "churning" of business, with policies written solely to generate brokerage fees.

The committee decided, however, that there were no extraordinary prevent Lloyd's underwriters runson 10 dan livix dusiness in future. "There remains a question whether individual underwriters made judgements that . . . displayed incompetence or

negligence. Our review has underlined the importance of training and competence for underwriters and of effective managing agency involvement in the assessment and control of aggregate exposures and possible catastrophe scenarios."

Statistics in the report reveal that market insiders have consistently received better returns than exter-

have been distorted by conspiracy or misfeasance," it states.

Equally, we were unimpressed by the standards of performance anieved by some managing agents and believe that ... seriously flawed underwriting judgements may have been constrained if active underwriters had been subject to more effective control."

The Walker report makes seven main observations about ways to improve the management of Lloyd's, and 18 specific recommendations to strengthen the regulation of the market. Yesterday, David Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's, said he accepted the recommendations in principle and would begin work immediately to put them into effect.

The main observations include: "We see the need for a deliberate change in Lloyd's regulatory approach in the direction of a more pro-active stance... and more vigorous enforcement and disciplinary

"Lloyd's regulatory arm should have access to an advisory panel of practitioners, some but not all of whom may be retired, as a point of reference.

"The challenge for Lloyd's as regulator is to ensure that the standards of the rest are consistently brought much closer to the standards of the best." ☐ "Lloyd's as regulator should be

readier to pursue cases where standards are inadequate, even where these do not involve misfeasance.' "We wish to stress the impor-tance of proper discharge of jun-derwriters" responsibilities by

managing agents." "We fully support the recommendations for strengthening professional skills as set out in the Task

Force report."

"Implementation of proposals designed to promote high stan-dards of agents performance should enhance both the suitability and equity of capacity allocation to names. But we hope the lively engagement of names in present disputes will be succeeded by a greater continuing interest in their

underwriting affairs." Underlying the recommenda-tions in the report is the principle of "know your client", which is enshrined in the Financial Services Act and was championed by Sir David Walker when he was chairman of the Securities and Investments Board.

The statistics in the report show how market professionals performed better as names than nonworking names. In 1983, for and members' agents made an average return of 6.2 per cent on their lines in the market, while nonworking names made only 4.5 per cent. In 1989, directors took an average loss of 14.4 per cent, while non-working names suffered one of 18.3 per cent.

The Walker committee, however, decided there was nothing improper in the gap between the performance figures. The analysis indicates that insiders have tended to fare better than external names,

given the inevitably superior mar-ket knowledge available to many working in the market. In some cases, insiders were substantially advantaged by their membership of certain syndicates, while others fared as badly as external names through the recent phase of losses."

The 18 recommendations cover four main areas. First, the report calls for Lloyd's to carry out a volatility analysis of the different classes of insurance in the market. This could be then used as an index to ensure that individual names are not exposed to excessive risk.

Second, the report calls for Lloyd's to collect detailed information on the performance of syndicates and changes in their capacity. This will be broken down to highlight the activities of the directors of managing agents, members' agents, directors of broking firms

Despite the vast number of deals, no evidence was found of 'churning', with policies written solely to generate fees

and other market professionals. This will alent the market to any changes in market sentiment about a syndicate. The report also calls for a tightening of regulations on allocating syndicate capacity.

The most important area of the recommendations is the committee's call for members' agents to carry out annual appraisals of their names. This will prevent names taking on too much risk or too much capacity, then facing ruin if they suffer heavy losses.

Finally, the report calls for tighter standards among managing agents. It recommends that they should ensure that underwriting policy statements are prepared and authorised by reference to risk categories.

The recommendations conclude with another call for Lloyd's to step up its regulatory activities. The market should increase the frequency of inspection visits and set up an advisory panel to comment on the regulations of members' and managing agents.

The committee believes that all these changes can be implemented alongside the recommendations in the Task Force report, and holds "We believe that confidence in Lloyd's conduct of its affairs can be rebuilt - necessary not only for the existing capital base but also for the prospect of introducing corporate capital - if firm and early action is taken. Most of the recommendations in this report are capable of early implementation and all could be undertaken within the framework of self-regulation under which Lloyd's currently operates."

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Blueprint for a better regulated future at Lloyd's

Two powerful new boards are among key points in the Morse report that have already been accepted by Lloyd's. Report by Jon Ashworth

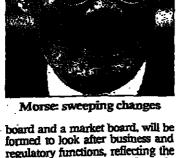


SIR Jeremy Morse's report on a new structure of governance for Lloyd's recommends a sweeping set of proposals that will change the market beyond recognition.

The council of Lloyd's will be halved in size and diminished in importance. Two new supervisory bodies are to be set up, one dealing with regulatory matters, the other with the business conduct of the market, and a new head, the chief executive officer, will take over many of the responsibilities of the present chairman.

Sir Jeremy, chairman of Lloyds Bank and a member of Lloyd's council, was appointed in January to lead a working party assessing the findings of a taskforce run by David Rowland, chairman of Sedgwick Group. The taskforce was appointed in January 1991 to identify a framework within which Lloyd's would trade in five to seven years' time. Among its key proposals was a new structure of governance for the market. That was originally rejected by the Lloyd's council but in the light of the "extensive discussion" generated, a working party was convened to

reappraise the Rowland report. The main conclusions are relatively simple. From January 1. 1993, the governance of Lloyd's will fall under a tripartite structure. Two new bodies, a regulatory



regulatory functions, reflecting the separation advocated by the taskforce. The Lloyd's council will sit at the top of a triangle as the senior legislative body and have no say in the regulation of the market.

The regulatory board will act as "an informed monitor and facilitator", putting in place an appropriate regulatory structure for the market's business. The market board will be the "driving force" in the development of Lloyd's, taking responsibility for compliance and making sure the regulatory board is well informed.

The Morse report mirrors Sir David Walker's conclusions in suggesting that regulation of Lloyd's has been out of touch with reality. "Our reading of recent events suggests to some of us that regulation may not have followed market developments closely enough, whether because the nonworking members of the council were not sufficiently informed or because the council has been reluctant to go too far into the detail of market practices."

Concern is expressed about imbalances in the present structure. new structure of governance would aim to solve "a concern that the present mixed structure does not accord the right status to either

business development or regulation, with a perceived tendency for business leadership to be 'squeezed out". The working party also felt that the regulatory function had distanced Lloyd's central activities from the market and made them "too bureaucratic".

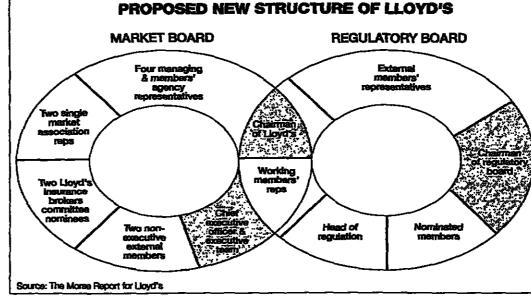
The report says the committee of Lloyd's has "insufficient weight" to provide business services to the market, making it appear less accountable to the market than it should be. The council is also thought too large in proportion to its present functions. The Lloyd's council will gradual-

ly be reduced in size over the next 18 months. By January 1994, it will have fallen from 28 to 14 members, made up of six working members, including the chairman of Lloyd's and two elected deputies, four nominated members and four external members. Nominated members will be drawn from outside Lloyd's and appointed by the Governor of the Bank of England.

The new-look council would preserve the current balance between its three constituencies: elected working members, elected external members and nominated members. The Morse report recommends that the chief executive officer and head of regulation should be present in attendance, but the council has taken the view that it may be better for them to take full council status. This point is still subject to debate.

The market board will have 15 or 16 members and be led by a committee of six working members, headed by the chairman of Lloyd's and his deputies. Beneath them will sit four working members, including two representatives from underwriting associations, one from the Lloyd's Underwriting Agents Association and one from the Lloyd's Insurance Brokers' Committee. There will be two or three non-executive members appointed by the council, possibly external names, and the chief executive officer, an ex officio appointment. Finally, there will be two other executives, selected by the

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chairman and chief executive officer, and drawn from senior Lloyd's personnel.

An outsider, a nominated member of council, will head the regulatory board, and be known as deputy chairman of Lloyd's as a courtesy. The regulatory board will include all the nominated and external members of the council. together with four working members appointed by the council. They will be joined by the head of regulation and the solicitor to the corporation of Lloyd's, both ex

officio appointments. The main players in the new triangular structure will be the chief executive officer, the chairman of Lloyd's and the chairman of the regulatory board. The Morse report stresses the need for a "close and effective working relationship" between the chief executive officer and the chairman.

There is some overlap. The chairman of Lloyd's is almost certain to head the market board in addition to his council duties, but will be distanced from the regulatory board. It is regarded as important that the chairman should be freed from regulatory work to enable him to concentrate on the role of business leader and representative of the business interests of the entire market.

The chairman of the regulatory board would bear the brunt of the regulatory work. He would be obliged to relinquish any business commitments in the Lloyd's market. This would avoid the risk of conflicts of interest which could undermine his authority. In his capacity as head of the

market board, the chairman of Lloyd's would be concerned with business development and external relations "at the highest level", rather than deal with the fine details of regulation, business planning or administration.

The Lloyd's Act (1982) requires him to remain a working member of Lloyd's but the Morse report concludes that he should devote a "substantial" amount of time to his new role. His continuing activities as a working name should be undertaken in a non-executive capacity. He would be paid on a duties" and serve, subject to reelection, for a minimum period of

Steps are being taken to recruit a chief executive officer but an appointment is unlikely before the end of the year. The retirement of Alan Lord as deputy chairman and chief executive at the end of June has left a vacuum that will be filled by a trio of Lloyd's personnel comprising John Gaynor, head of finance, Andrew Duguid, head of market services, and Bob Hewes, head of regulation. They will take on executive responsibilities until the chief executive's post has been

The Morse report is quite specific about the criteria for the post. The chief executive must be a businessman with proven commercial and financial skills and a first-rate track record in running a large organisation. He will take most important decisions at Lloyd's and take on full responsibility for managing the business units within the new structure. He will need to be responsive to regulation and basis that "properly reflects his should have a good understanding status and the heavy burden of his of how regulatory structures work.

He may be a member of Lloyd's, but if so would have to resign any Lloyd's market directorships and put any interests in Lloyd's businesses into trust.

The proposed term of office is five years, with a remuneration package that would appeal to top candidates.

Sir Jeremy's inquiry also considered the role of Lloyd's brokers. It concluded that a conflict of interest can arise between a broker's duty to his client and his responsibilities towards Lloyd's. However, it was felt that the advantages of including brokers in the new structure outweigh any problems.

Two of the most radical proposals concern the decline in importance of the council and the chairman. The council will become less important than the regulatory board and the market board, while retaining an ultimate say in how Lloyd's should be run. It would normally accept recommendations of its two offshoots.

The future of Lloyd's depends on concerted action within a market place dominated by many different interests. The Morse report ends with a warning that tough steps might be needed if these differences cannot be overcome. Measures could, ultimately, include the use of regulation to bring miscreants into line.

Sir Jeremy's working party re-ceived more than 1,000 written responses from a range of interests, including market associations and the 'ssociation of Lloyd's Members. The reponses highlighted three points on which the Lloyd's membership has strong feelings.

About 40 per cent of replies supported the recommendations of the taskforce as a whole. Only a handful rejected them out of hand. More than 65 per cent favoured a complete separation of business and regulatory functions; only a handful rejected this.

Just under a fifth of the responses, 17 per cent, were in favour of an independent "outside" chairman. The Lloyd's Act (1982) requires that the chairman of council be a **TEMPUS**

Bright Northern Electric fails to light up electricals

cent rise in the Northern Electric dividend to 18.55p for the year to end-March 1992. after a 42 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to 1982 million, seemed to disappoint the market, which coincidentally marked all the rival electrical shares down, too. But the fall of 17p in the share price to 341p leaves the forward vield at 6.73 per cent. assuming a 12 per cent rise

next year. Around £5 million of under-recovered profits from the government's miscalculation of inflation in 1990-1 went into the 1991-2 figures, giving an underlying increase of 34.5 per cent to £93.2 million.

Earnings, up 44 per cent to 59.6p, cover the dividend a conservative 3.21 times. On dividend policy Northern can see no difficulty in maintaining its present performance, barring major changes in the industry, such as alteration of the regulatory regime.

Northern is proud of its near-100 per cent success rate in meeting guaranteed standards of customer service and feels this will be important come the day of reckoning with Offer, the electricity watchdog,

Its business is also strong. Northern managed to increase the number of units supplied by 1.7 per cent, including a 0.4 per cent rise to industrial customers. It also made a small but undisclosed profit from its retail business, a rare feat in the present high street environment for the regional electrical companies. In

contracting Northern says it lost less money than last year and will finish rationalisation this year. Across the entire group Northern's target is a 15 per cent cut in manpower over six years. Last year an annualised £5 million of savings were

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Long term, the board wants 10 per cent of profits from unregulated sources. Profits this year should rise to £112 million before tax.

Crest Nicholson

IT was no real surprise that Crest Nicholson was again in an interim loss position at April 30, nor that the company, guided by John St Lawrence, chairman, and John Callcutt, chief executive, yesterday served a warning that if property conditions really turn sour before the year end, there might have to be a writedown of the commercial property portfolio.

However, Crest's pre-tax loss at £1.69 million (against a £33.9 million loss previ-ously) was not as bad as analysts had feared, while net worth, at 85p a share compared with a net worth six months ago of 91p a share, was no lower than

might have been expected. Crest sold 570 houses at an average £76,000 in the six-month period, compared with 549 sold at an average £81,000 previously. Crest could be on target to sell 1,500 houses by year end buyers' pockets willing.

Debts are down from £104.1 million a year ago to £54.5 million and gearing is 50 per cent. Available bank facilities stand at £167 million, and there is a market feeling that Crest could actually break into profit come year-end. But even a pre-tax outcome of £3 million would still not give room for anything other than a token dividend. No more than a 0.01p a share payment should be expected.

Fortunes may improve in the following year and investors who accept the speculative edge may thus find that the shares, at 40p, have an appeal. The cautious, however, should bide their time.



THE half-point cut in the American discount rate to its lowest for almost 30 years came as a powerful reminder to City investors of what a poor state the world's economy is in. Share prices in London fell sharply in afternoon trading, reflecting an opening 20-point drop in the Dow Jones indus-trial average in New York and the slide in the dollar on the foreign exchanges. The equity market is showing few signs of "bottoming out" and is now fast approaching its next resis-tance level of 2,450.

The FT-SE 100 index lost an opening lead of 12 points to close just above its lowest of the day, down 17.8 points at 2,476.1 in scrappy turnover that saw only 394 million shares change hands. Once again, it was the futures market that led the way lower.

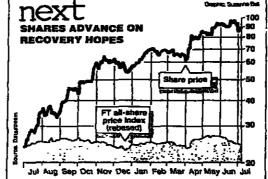
The dollar's weakness caused a few problems for the leading international companies. There were falls for iCl. 18p to £11.70, BOC Group, 11p to 631p. Rothmans International B, 20p to £11.20, BAT Industries, 11p to 728p, Reuters, 13p to £11.41. Reckitt & Colman. 14p to 591p, BAA. 13p to 661p, and Guinness,

10p to 534p.

BP again came under selling pressure after reports that a big seller had been doing the rounds overnight in New York. The word is that the seller tried unsuccessfully to unload several million shares in the form of American Depository Receipts after this week's meeting between the company and analysts in the wake of Robert Horton's departure as chairman last week. The price eventually closed 1p lower at 210p.

Next, the troubled fashion retailer, is enjoying a new lease of life, climbing 34p to 892p, despite the depressed state of the rest of the stores sector. Fund managers are now buying the shares in the hope that the long-awaited recovery has finally started. There is also vague talk of a takeover

British Aerospace enjoyed an early mark-up, touching 265p on yesterday's story in The Times that GEC is considering linking with British Aerospace to save the Europe-



an fighter aircraft project. But BAe was unable to hang on to its early gains and closed unchanged at 249p. GEC finished all-square at 233p.

Hanson was a steady market, adding 2p to 20812p and encouraged by overnight sup-port from New York. Trafalgar House spent a worrying day, hitting a low of 78p amid revived talk of a cut in the dividend or even a rights issue.

County NatWest WoodMac has reshuffled its list of top 30 buys. In went Argyil, 4p up at 357p, BT, 12p firmer at 334 p., and Anglian Water. 7p lower at 413p. Out came Dixons, 5p down at 223p, Ibstock, unchanged at 59½p, and BM, up 25p at 110p.

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Among the building suppliers falls were recorded in Hepworth, 8p to 337p, CRH, 8p to 215p, Blue Circle Indus tries, 2p to 214p. Redland, 3p to 477p. Baggeridge Brick 4p to 85p, and Heywood Williams, 7p to 271p.

The construction companies were also hit with losses for Bellway. 7p to 261p. Birse Group, 3p to 24p, John Laing. 8p to 167p, Persimmon, 3p to 264p, Raine Industries, 3p to 106p. Ward Holdings, 3p to 38p, and Rubicon, 3p to 110p.

Asda, the supermarket chain, remained a nervous market, clawing back an early fall to close steady at 29p. The group continues to hold a large stake in MFI, the furniture retailer, which is due to return to market after a management buyout.

Hi-Tec, the sports shoe manufacturer, tumbled 69p to 106p on a profits warning. A healthy set of full-year figures from Northern Electric made little impression on the City with the price drop-

ping 17p to 341p.

The rest of the electricity distributors saw most of Wednesday's gains wiped out. There were losses for Eastern, 19p to 275p, East Midlands, 15p to 302p. London, 11p to 326p. Manweb, 14p to 362p. Midlands, 8p to 329p. Morweb, 15p to 351p. Seeboard, 17p to 330p. Southern, 16p to 363p. South Wales, 14p to 363p. South Western, 14p to 315p and Yorkshire, 15p to 364p. The electricity package tumbled £145 to £3,238.

The banks presented a mixed picture with Barclays 2p better at 328p, Lloyds 3p up at 427p, Midland down 1p to 467p and National Westminster 1 lp cheaper at 317p.

Dow falls after poor jobs

report

New York — Shares beat a hasty retreat in the late morning as worries about the political repercussions from a poor employment report and futures-related selling hit shares. The Dow Jones industrial average was 16.1 points lower at 3,338 after having risen as high as 3,374.

□ Tokyo — Shares continued their rising trend into a third day and the Nikkei index closed up 432.56 points, or 2.56 per cent, to 16.757.63. continuing talk of easier cred-

it, the yen's strength and a belief that shares are cheap. Turnover was about 350 million shares, compared with 219 million on Wednesday.

☐ Hong Kong — Prices closed sharply lower after volatile trading marked by rumours of a HK\$3 billion (£203 million) rights issue by Sun Hung Kai Properties. The Hang Seng index tumbled 61.01 points. or 1 per cent, to 6,073.74. ☐ Frankfurt — Shares scram-

bled higher to make their strongest gain in six weeks. The Dax index gained 12.35 points to 1,768.61. ☐ Sydney — Hopes of an imminent easing of monetary

policy led shares to their biggest daily rise in seven weeks. The all-ordinaries index closed 14 points higher at 1.661.7.

☐ Singapore — Prices closed mixed as improved sentiment from Tokyo and Wall Street failed to sustain buying interest. The Straits Times industrial index closed 0.52 of a point higher at 1.491.73. (Reuter)



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EUROPEAN VIEW

Fed wages war on recession

There was one consolation for the American authorities in yesterday's shocking employment figures. The arguments between the White House and the Federal Reserve Board over the level of interest rates should now be settled for many months to come. Even President Bush will presumably be satisfied with the Fed's immediate reaction to the imexpected collapse in employment, which portends a run of extremely weak economic figures in the month or two ahead. As Richard Syron, president of the Boston Fed, said immediately after the Fed cut its discount rate by half a point to 3 per cent, the central bank's action speaks "loudly, clearly and forcefully for itself".

By injecting reserves aggressively after its largely symbolic discount rate cut, the Fed forced market rates down by half a point, rather than the traditional quarter. The move seemed to be an admission that the quarter point cuts of the past 12 months had been too cautious. It was a declaration of all-out war against recession and unemployment, and this is a war in which even lower interest rates cannot be ruled out. Sceptics may say monetary policy has proved impotent in the face of the fear and gloom seizing American consumers and industrialists. But it is probably more realistic to put this argument the other way round. If the new interest rates fail to revive the American economy, they will be cut again. While the new fed funds rate of 3.25 per cent may seem like a low number, the monetary ammunition is not exhausted as long as money costs more than zero.

Thus the financial implications of yesterday's events may be surprising. If the Fed becomes more aggressive in stimulating the economy, a strong recovery will eventually take off. Significantly, the dollar did not collapse yesterday as most traders had predicted. As in December, the widening of the interest rate gap between America and Germany may well push the dollar up, on hopes of economic recovery, instead of down. For Wall Street, yesterday's news was almost certainly bullish. A sluggish recovery with falling interest rates and high unemployment spells steeply rising profits. The months after the economy takes off and interest rates start rising will be the period of greatest danger for the bulls. The slogan on Wall Street these days is not 'Go, go" but "Slow, go".

Lloyd's blueprint

s an institution that resents outside criticism almost to the point of paramona, and find the report of Sir David Walker difficult to take. The document catalogues inadequacies and delivers polite reprimands on almost every one of its 50-plus pages. Among the most astonishing is that Lloyd's itself does not run the kind of detailed database that Sir David needed in order to undertake his investigation into syndicate participations and the so-called LMX spiral disaster. So much for pro-fessionalism in the discharge of Lloyd's regulatory

Much of Lloyd's laxity in taking care of its names has been tolerated in defence of the principle that underwriters cannot operate effectively unless their discretion is unconstrained. Sir David gives a strong varning against the lack of realism in this and comments adversely on the competence of underwriting decisions. David Coleridge, Lloyd's chairman, alluded to this in a speech yesterday, accepting with no apparent enthusiasm that changes must be made.

Sir David is to be congratulated for delving into areas of detail where Lloyd's cared not to tread. His report, especially the technical proposals on risk assessment and volatility analysis, will if enthusiastically implemented pave the way for a fairer and more profitable Lloyd's.

Capitalist explosion rocks Swedish cradle-to-grave welfare state

The Bildt government sees privatisations and budget cuts as the key to an 'enterprise friendly' economy, writes

Colin Narbrough

hroughout the spring, bomb attacks on public monuments in Stockholm created unease among the peace-loving Swedes. There may prove to be no profound motive for the demolition campaign. Yet the detonations have a peculiar aptness as Sweden undergoes economic and social upheaval of historic proportions. Two of the targets symbolised the Nordic nation's progress this century: a statue of Hjalmar Branting, the first social democratic prime minister, and an effigy of Bacchus, the god of wine and ecstasy.

In the opening decades of this century, it was Branting who led the Swedish workers' push to power, challenging the industrial barons, then working with them against the anti-industrial right wing. After almost 60 years of political dominance, the social democrats were ousted from power last autumn. As for selfindulgence in work and play, Sweden has an international reputation that is only partly deserved.

The sheer pace and degree of change ought to make the Stockholm bombings pale into insignificance. The revolution undertaken by the conservative-led coalition of prime minister Carl Bildt since it took power in October has been overturning monuments to the social democratic past and its cradle-to-grave welfare state. The huge public sector is being reduced apace and the formerly punitive tax regime made enterprise-friendly. Accompanying deregula-tion and the removal of barriers to foreign investors, a privatisation programme to raise up to 250 billion kronor (£23.8 billion), involving the sale of 35 state-owned enterprises, was launched last month.

Mr Bildt's commitment to "creating opportunities for growth" looks set to take Sweden along a road similar to that Margaret Thatcher chose for Britain in 1979. An important difference in Sweden is that the social democrats saw the writing on the wall in the Eighties; before the party was dismissed from power last September.

Ingvar Carlsson, the former social democratic prime minister, last year secured government backing for Sweden's application to join the EC and pegged the krona to the ecu. In autumn 1990, with East-West divisions tumbling and socialism in retreat, Mr Carlsson pushed the plunger on the "Swedish model" on demand-management principles, delivering a Kr15 billion package of health and public service cuts. Even now, some are dissatisfied with the speed of change. The "new democracy" party, once branded a



Branting out: the bomb-damaged statue of Hjalmar Branting, a social democrat, in Stockholm

group of right-wing loonies, has 25 seats in the Riksdagen parliament. These give it the balance of power and enable it to act as guardian against any backsliding on tax cuts. Anne Wibble, the finance minister. has made the fight against inflation a annual 2.2 per cent in May, the lowest headline rate in Europe, and is still slowing. A year ago it stood at almost 11 per cent. Wage inflation has fallen to an annual 3.5 per cent. To secure low inflation, fiscal policy is being kept tight and structural changes introduced to enhance productivity, which is making impressive gains. Tax cuts are to be financed by paring back public spending. The

recession is that the budget deficit is expected to soar to Kr115 billion this year from Kr68 billion last year. After cuts of Kr27 billion in public spending in the January budget (5 per cent of central government spending), the government says it will cut a further O billion over the next three years.

eavy cuts are being made in grants to local authorities and housing subsidies. Three quarters of all transfers to households are under review. In the face of steeply rising unemployment, benefits to the jobless are being made conditional on an active attempt to seek work. Generous unemployment benefits, widely seen as the cause of Sweden's high

absenteeism, are to be consigned to the past. Having abandoned the goal of full employment, the Swedish government is having to cope with record unemployment. At about 4.5 per cent, it is still only about half what many western European economies budget passed last month contained plans for lowering VAT to 22 from 25 per cent, removing a standard deduction on income tax and ending property taxes on commercial buildings. Industry will be freed from general electricity and fuel taxes, but

emissions and household electricity. This package followed a national audit office forecast of a bigger deficit, mainly reflecting a 10.4 per cent

taxes were raised on carbon-dioxide

jump in spending on the jobless. The aim is to restrain spending while reducing the overall tax burden to 51.5 per cent of gross domestic product, from 56 per cent two years ago. The finance ministry expects the budget deficit to rise until 1994-5. Even so, the deficit is expected to be 6 per cent of GDP in 1996. With only two-and-half years before the next election. Mr Bildt's haste is warranted. His tough policies appear to be reestablishing confidence rapidly among foreign investors, as well as starting to lure Swedish corporate and personal tax exiles home. Having targeted membership of the EC in 1995. Sweden wants to be ready for the competition. The annual report on Sweden from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development speaks of "grounds for optimism" on employment and growth beyond the short term. "Sweden has now joined the ranks of those who consider the restoration of price stability a sine qua non for achieving sustainable full-employment growth," it notes, while praising the government's policy mix, including its sell-off plans.

weden's deepest recession since the 1930s is, however, likely to linger, with the economy contracting 0.3 per cent this year. The return to growth will not be vigorous, with less than 1 per cent expected next year. Pegging the krona to the ecu appears to have secured market credibility, but the progress on inflation has yet to withstand the test of recovery. That background is not ideal for a stream of privatisations. The programme kicked off well, with the SSAB steel company heavily oversubscribed. Importantly, a large number of Swedish companies are world-class operators. The top 22 companies, accounting for 70 per cent of market capitalisation, average 75 per cent of sales outside Sweden. Thus Swedish recession should not cause too much damage to the value of state holdings

The promise of a new golden age for Sweden, despite the collapse of its property market and the attendant disasters for its banks, holds great hopes for investors. The Riksdagen has even approved a Kr20 billion restructuring of the loss-making Nordbanken, Scandinavia's bigges bank, with a view to privatisation.

Privatisations will be conducted at a measured pace, to avoid overloading the market, starting with about Kr10 billion worth in the first year. Procordia, the food and pharmaceuticals group, is tipped as the next disposal. The government's 42.7 per cent stake has been targeted by Volvo. The programme, which should fetch a total of Kr150 billion, will take until the end of the 1990s to complete. The 11 per cent of GDP it represents will only go part way to squaring the government's fiscal Yet, in a world of privatisations, Sweden has the advantage of companies with firstworld, front-rank technologies and a workforce to match.

PR man's release

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THE public relations industry

was agog yesterday after hearing of the resignation of David Davis, vice chairman of Edelman PR, after 24 years with the American company, the world's biggest private PR firm. Davis, 55, and Edelman's main man in London for as long as anyone can remember - even though he was once, pre-Edelman, a journalist on The Times — says he resigned because he dedined to relocate to Hong Kong. "After six years operating and building our busines-ses in Europe, last October I was given the challenge of doing the same thing with our businesses in Asia," said Davis, who departs today. "Since then we have opened an office in Tokyo and bought businesses in Melbourne, Singapore and Hong Kong. I agree it now needs a local manager but I made it clear at the outset I did not want to relocate. My family comes first and my elderly mother, wife and son are all here." He has no idea what he will do next, he is, he says, looking for a fresh challenge, another Everest to climb. But he has made three decisions. "One is not to make any decisions in July, the second to definitely stay in London and the third to stay in the PR consultancy business."

What a corker

EVEN though it is one of the world's richest mining groups - through its Oppenheimer connections - Anglo American was miffed at being has discovered that his new



the recession is over."

charged £10.50 a bottle corkage on the Boschendal wine, supplied from Anglo's own vineyards, and served at an institutional luncheon at Claridge's yesterday. According to a Savoy Group spokeswoman, its usual corkage charge is £10 on non-sparkling wines, £12.50 on sparkling wines, and since Anglo served both, a sum of £10.50 was agreed. The cost, equivalent to the group's normal mark-up on wine, covered Claridge's never less than comprehensive service. We have to handle and receive the wine, store it, open the cases, chill it in our own ice and our own refrigerators, open the wine, polish the glasses, serve it, dear the bottles, and wash up," the spokeswoman said. As one guest put it: "Just as well they didn't bring their own glasses"

Very mobile

MALCOLM lates, deputy managing director of GEC,

mobile PABX phone, made by GEC's GPT telecoms joint venture, is more mobile than it was intended to be. The cordless handset enables executives to take their telephones with them as they travel around GEC's Mayfair headquarters but Bates returned to his office the other day to find the handset had disappeared. Bates is now hoping that someone in the building borrowed it and that the phone will prove mobile enough to make its way home again. "It would be to-tally useless to anyone outside GEC since it only works in connection with our telephone exchange," a bemused spokes-

Fries to go go go

IN THE wake of its huge losses, British Rail might consider following the entrepreneurial example of Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) which has just introduced its first McDonald's dining car on lines be-tween Basic and Geneva and Geneva and Brig, Switzerland. The red carriages have the gold McDonald's logo em-blazoned on their sides, seat 36 people, and serve the full panoply of Big Macs, Chicken McNuggets and French fries. The carriages have been running for a month and apparently there has often been standing room only although there is not yet any informa-tion on whether SBB ticket sales have risen dramatically. A McDonald's spokeswoman in London said there are no plans for an Intercity hamburger car but it is certainly open to offers from BR.

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTER

downside to this approach during

Nobody should be surprised at big profits of electricity distributors

From Mr J. W. L. Nichols

Sir, The delight and surprise with which electricity distribution companies' excessive profits were recently reported seem naive and misplaced. Leaving aside the fact that

they have an almost total monopoly of a captive customer base, the reason for their huge profits lies both in the manner in which these profits were reported before privatisation, and the pricing formula that has been used since priva-

For four or five years before the event, the government instructed the boards to increase their profits, expressed as a percentage of the inflationadjusted value of capital employed, from 4 per cent to 4 2 per cent, to 5 per cent, to 5½ per cent and finally to 6 per

This last figure is said to equate to 18 per cent on historic costs. Not a bad return on a low-risk business.

However, this hike in profits of some 50 per cent on what, over the years, had been considered adequate, is only half the story.

The profit of the last year of national ownership was struck after deducting huge non-recurring costs, such as the cost of privatisation; solicitors' fees, merchant bank fees, reporting accountants' fees, advertising, the cost of setting up the share register and so on.

In addition, there were the "costs" of repaying government loans, and provision for the costs of their new logo on shop fronts, vans and

If these costs had been ignored when calculating the return on capital, I suspect that the figure of 18 per cent (6 per cent) would have increased

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by at least 50 per cent

In the circumstances, sub-

stantial and excessive profits must have been expected. Turning to the post-private isations era, matters seem no better for the hapless

consumer. The pricing formula allows the distributors to recover from the consumer excessive costs, for instance in the price of power supplies.

What an open-ended for mula that is! Faced with the same problem, ICI has no option but to close a £1.5 billion a year business, thus putting thousands of people out of work.

In addition to this, if the companies over estimate the expected increase in RPI in their budgets, they are not seemingly compelled to repay this to the consumer. In the first year, Eastern Electricity estimated inflation

in fact about 6 per cent. A 3 per cent excess on charging, assuming a standard return of, say, 10 per cent profit on sales, results in 33 per cent excess profit.

The following year this was

at about 9 per cent when it was

corrected by estimating inflation at some 1 per cent less than it actually was. As a result, the excess profit, if you ignore the miscalculation of profit pre-privatisation. becomes two points per cent on 10 per cent over two years.

or 10 per cent per annum. In conclusion, sir, I can think of no bounds for the profits of the electricity distribution companies.

Yours faithfully J. W. L. NICHOLS. Mill House. Holton St Peter. Halesworth.

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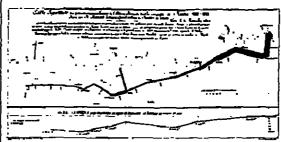
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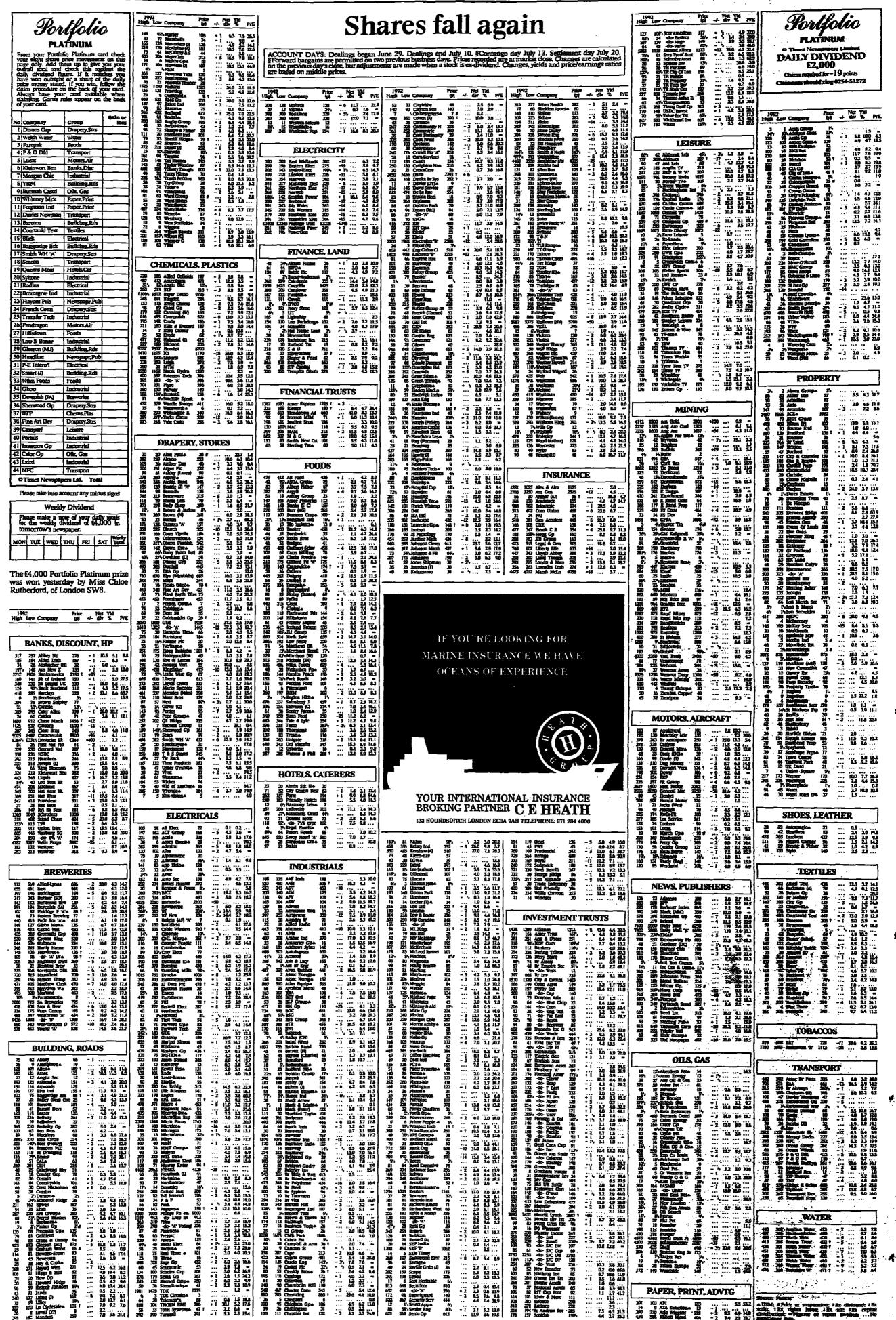
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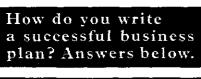
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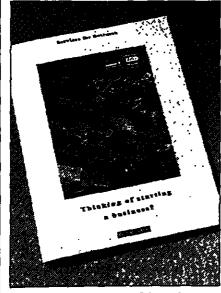
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New firms shrink in size, survey shows

THREE times as many companies, mainly start-ups, were established in Cleveland in the 1980s than in the 1970s, according to a survey by Warwick Business School, However, the size of the companies fell, so that the impact on employment was no greater (Rodney Hobson

By producing a new report to duplicate one carried out in 1982, the school, part of Warwick University, has pinpointed changes in attitudes during the enterprise

• Female entrepreneurs formed a much higher proportion of new business owners, accounting for 25 per cent of start-ups in the 1980s against 11 per cent in the 1970s. Banks' prejudices against lend-ing to women and the unemployed, which were apparent in the 1970s' survey, seemed to have disap-

 Firms experienced fewer trading problems in the 1980s than in the 1970s.

• The availability of advice and assistance was much greater and new firms were more satisfied with the service from government and other agencies.

 More premises were available and red tape was less of a problem. The 1992 survey found that new firms were generally smaller than they had been in the previous decade, partly because 44 per cent were set up by people who were unemployed or about to lose their

jobs. Fewer large firms from outside the county established themselves in Cleveland. The average number of workers in companies established in the 1980s was 7.4 compared with 9.6 in the 1970s, so that about 25,000 jobs were created in both decades.

Despite the encouragement given to young entrepreneurs, the percentage of firms' founders aged 21-30 fell from 40 per cent to 27 per cent, while those aged 41-50 rose from 17 per cent to 27 per

Financing showed little change between the two surveys. Copies of Entrepreneurship in Cleveland are available free: tele-phone 0742 593932.

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"I expect that's because there's hardly any left"

Finding success in a bottle

STEPHANIE Middleton took the skills she had acquired in her parents' business, honed them at college and injected her own ideas to set up an award-winning business. Her glassware manufactur-ing company at Middlesbrough, Cleveland, was the North-East regional winner in the Livewire business start-up awards this year and she went on to be runner-up in the national finals.

Miss Middleton, 24, took an interest in glassware at the age of six, when, she says: "I used to mess about a lot with dad, who made ships in bottles and glass animals in the garage." Meanwhile, her mother, whose talents lay in marketing, found seaside shopping arcades where the products could be sold.

She started seriously at the age of 14 when her school ran a work scheme and she chose to help her father. By the time she was 15 she was proficient in producing spunglass ornaments and started to think that she could develop her own business around her own talents. She took a degree in design, glass and ceramics at Sunderland Polytechnic, one of only three colleges in the country to offer the courses she wanted.

The Middleton business produces a range of hand-blown glassware, including perfume bottles, ear-rings, brooches, tie pins and cuff links. All the items are hand finished with precious met-

Winning ways: Stephanie Middleton had an interest in glassware at the age of six

als. They are hand painted with gold, platinum and metallic lustres. After firing in a kiln, they are individually engraved by hand and signed by the artist.

Miss Middleton sells her products to up-market retailers throughout the UK, including Liberty. Harvey Nichols and Heal's. The latest addition is inclusion in the Selfridges catalogue. Her ranges

are also sold in Singapore and at the Guggenheim Museum in New

Miss Middleton has found that exhibiting is essential to winning new business. She says: "I went to the Chelsea Trade Fair and a lot of retailers contacted me afterwards and said they wanted to take my

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Suppliers are rather less impressed with 37 per cent involved in such sourcing. The CBI has produced a guide, Making Parnership Happen. Copies are available from the CBI at Centre Point. 103 New Oxford Street, London WCIA 1DU, priced at £7.

☐ UK 200 Group, which has 170 chartered accountants as members. has launched a quarterly economic survey, based on the smallercompany clients of its members. It draws out little cheer over the

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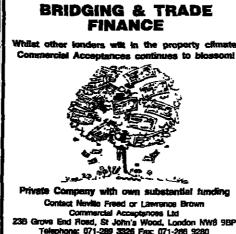


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Out and about means a discount

Cheaper mobile phones are to be introduced to attract the home

user, Matthew May writes

ftel's announcement last week that it is to investigate the mobile telephone operators Cellnet and Vodafone for alleged anticompetitive practices and abuse of monopoly power is ironically happening just as both are preparing to introduce cheaper services.

Oftel, the government's tele-communications watchdog, is considering complaints by Talkland International, one of the service providers that buy airtime from the two cellular operators and sell it on to the public. Talkland claims that Cellnet and Vodafone give unfair preference to their own service-providing subsidiaries, and many critics are annoyed that the two networks are supposed to be competing but have had identical charges since their inception.

Now that is about to change as both are preparing cheaper, or at least different, services, spurred by the emergence of two competitors that promise to start networks next year at half the price, using newly established personal communications networks, or PCNs.

Next month Cellnet will announce how much it intends to charge users of a new service called Liberty, due to start before Christmas. Liberty will be aimed at would-be customers who balk at the high fixed subscription charges of £350 a year.

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There is a huge potential demand for mobile telephones," says Stafford Taylor, Ceilnet's managing director.
"Our research indicates that up to ten million people are seriously interested, with a million simply waiting for the

Although competition looms and there is plenty of spare capacity on the networks, the cellular operators' generosity will be limited by the need to introduce a "cheaper" service that will not cause the mass defection of the

business people who pay high subscriptions and make up most of their customer base. This business emphasis also means the prices quoted by operators invariably exclude VAT. All prices mentioned here include VAT. Callers signing up for Liberty will be exempt from the existing £59 connection fee and will be asked to pay a subscription of about £15 a month, not the present £29. Call charges, however, are expected to be nearly double. The peak rate will be 59p a

or 39p, depending on whether you are calling inside or outside an area bounded by the M25. The off-peak rate will be 23p, against 12p. In addition, because of the reduced subscription charges Liberty users will have to pay real prices for their telephones,

minute, compared with 29p,

about £250 to £300. Service providers often sell telephones at an average of £100 below cost at present, subsidising them with some of the money from the portion of the subscription charges they

The result, according to early estimates, is that for those spending more than £500 a year for their service there will be no point in switching to Liberty. Even in these recessionary times that could still include many of Cellnet's 560,000 customers. Those contemplating a mo-

bile telephone for the first time should note that peak time has liberal definition. For Vodafone it is 7.30am to 9.30pm, while for Cellnet it is 8am to 10pm, and both define Saturday as a peak day. Some of the service provid-

ers, which are allowed to vary the basic terms and charge more, have even lengthened peak time charges to midnight. Cellnet may, however, bring the off-peak time forward to 6pm for Liberty users. To emphasise that the new service is aimed at residential



Will lower subscription charges but higher prices for calls put a phone in more pockets?

users rather than business people, mobile telephones will be sold through the high street and will come with an invitation to sign up directly with a new service provider - part of the Cellnet Group -- competition that some independent

service providers dislike.
The principle behind Liberty, that thousands will be willing to pay heavily for calls if the monthly subscription is less, has already been tried by the service provider Ford Celhılar Systems, of Swindon.

Wiltshire. Ford's present two schemes, available until the end of September, offer either a subscription of £11.75 a month with all calls at 82p a minute, or £17.62 a month with calls at 46p a minute. The connection fee is £59, tele-phones start at £175 and the contract lasts for a year.

The cheaper subscription is economic for those making fewer than 15 minutes of calls a month, Ford says, and is aimed particularly at those who need a mobile telephone only in an emergency. This compares well with the AA Callsafe system, which provides a mobile telephone, which can call only the AA or the emergency services and costs about the same.

Vodafone is also preparing a new service based on what it calls an MCN, or microcellular network, that it will start on a limited scale next year. Vodafone argues that customers are not concerned about subscription charges as much as the cost of calls, so it subscription high, at £23.50, but provide local calls at 12p a minute and long-distance ones at 23p.

Cellnet and Vodafone say their new PCN competitors --Mecury Personal Communications and Microtel, bought by Hutchison Telecom a year ago — will not be able to offer much of a service until at least 1994. Many analysis agree with them.

However, both companies also admit that when PCNs arrive they will have to offer similarly priced services. Ceilnet and Vodafone will be able to adjust their new services quickly to match new competitors while perhaps trying to retain customers on the existing networks by offering a 'club class" service.

lsewhere in the world there are trials that assume that mobile telephones will soon be cheap enough for widespread use. Last month the Ameritech Corporation began handing out pocketsized folding telephones to 1,000 people in the Chicago area as part of an 18-month test of a personal communications service", predicting that within a few years they could cost less than \$100 (£55)

This is not a free trial however. All those involved in planning new mobile telephone services are desperate to know what number of people will sign up, at what price. Ameritech will try out a wide range of call charges on its

guinea pigs to see how use is affected. Unlike all the new services planned for Britain, however, there will be no monthly subscription charge. "We want to see whether the marketplace is ready," says Steve Ford, Ameritech's spokesman. "People want por-

tability but they want it to be economical." When mobile telephones become cheap enough for mass use the plan is that one number will replace those for the home, office and car. The futurists say the idea of calling a place where somebody

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WHEN the Michelangelo computer virus threatened to wreak havoc on computers around the world in March. Robbie Riter was used by an upstate New York company as a consultant to head off serious damage to its stored data if the virus lived up to its reputation. They called me about 1 pm and said they did not even know about the virus until 10pm," Robbie said, "so I had to rush down there," Actually, he had to be driven down there, because he is only Il years old.

However, Robbie was up to the challenge, having used and loved computers since he was three, when his mother succumbed to his pestering and bought him a Commo-dore. Aged four, he had read the manual and was teaching himself how to program it.

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United front

AMERICAN and South Korean semiconductor makers have agreed to join forces for

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of co-operating. Other industry sources said the eventual goal of the alliance would be the international division of work between the two countries in production. technology, manpower, fi-nancing and marketing. The United States has an advantage in technology, while South Korea is more competitive in production. South Korea's exports of semiconductor products amounted to £3 billion in 1991, 80 per cent of which was absorbed by the United States.

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They're playing the green card

Screens that work to tough Swedish rules are on offer, but at a premium

-n advertisement that features Mayan temples and tropical beach es has started and puzzled television viewers. The scenes. seem to have little to do with the personal computers that the company, ICL, is promoting. Some viewers may think these new mass-marketing methods are a result of Japanese influence, since ICL's takeover by Fujitsu two years ago, and to some extent they

are right.
ICL has been rather cocky since the Fujitsu deal as it has made money while nearly all its European rivals, and many American ones, have lost.

The company also acquired Nokia Data, the Finnish terminal and PC manufacturer: The new range of PCs being promoted so curiously are designed by Nokia and will, ICL hopes, make it the leading PC seller in Europe.
Though a common refrain

from computer companies. this sounds, in ICL's case, particularly over-ambitious. Since entering the PC market in 1988, ICL has kept a low profile, selling PCs mostly to the big companies that already use its mainframe computer

products. This strategy has, however, been surprisingly successful. gaining ICL fourth place in the British market after IBM. Compaq and Apple, according to a recent survey by the research firm Romtec. The company is at the moment

only eighth in Europe. The advertising campaign is therefore intended to tell an unsuspecting world that ICL

Already, the company says it has received two requests to

With their biggest ever product launch, Compaq switched from premium to

low-cost computer manufacturer. Five

Prolines 386sx from £550. Performance,

new models include clone-terminating



Caution: Hans Malmkvist argues that the old standards are inadequate for today

concerned about the level of

absenteeism in data-entry de-

partments, where operators sit at terminals all day long.

There was a worrying lack of

tender for thousands of PCs the 1970s, the Swedes became from companies that said they had never realised ICL was serious about PCs.

The new range, or "92 PC Collection" as ICL would have it, is intended for corporate use, with heavy emphasis on "teamware", software for working on a local area network or linked to a main-

The range will be sold through dealers, and "Cata-logue" — a mail-order opera-tion that follows other companies that have been

successful with direct selling.
The main impetus behind them is what could accurately be described as playing the Scandinavian green card. In

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quality and that certain Compaq je ne c'est quoi still feature.

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productivity. Research was done on the possible effects of screen radiation on pregnant operators, as well as many other difficulties arising from un-ergonomically designed workstations. including damage to backs, shoulders, wrists and necks

> The result is that Sweden has Europe's toughest recommendations on the use of computer screens, setting the standards for flicker, himinance, contrast, sharp-

and, of course, eye conditions.

ness and reflection. Nokia Data, which had previously been part of the Swedish company Saab and then LM Ericsson, had always designed products around these criteria.

ICL now hopes to convince British businesses that the high Swedish standards are worth the 20 per cent premium. The company argues that ergonomics is about produc-78 High Holbern, London WC1. 071-831 0644 | tivity as well as health.

Despite a current directive the minimum European Community standards for working with computer screens are unlikely to match the strictness of the Swedish recommendations.

There could be a sting in the tail, however, if standards are set too low either by the EC rulings or in the British legislation that will be introduced to meet the requirements of the

In that case, argue ICL and and other companies promoting the ergonomic factors of their equipment, employers could face heavy damages claims for repetitive strain injuries and other disorders related to work with screens.

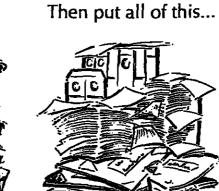
"Today's standards reflect the past, and could prove too low for new types of computer use." argues Hans Malmkvist. the manager of ICL's ergo nomics programme. Video clips in multimedia applications, for example, will

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Programming for change

Getting up to date is no soft

option, reports Jane Bird

n ten years' time, we will look back at the software in use today and laugh – it will seem as oldfashioned, cumbersome and unreliable as vintage cars do now. So argues Peter Lines, the managing director of In-put Europe, a consultancy that specialises in software. To-day's software." he says, "will seem like part of a bygone age, just as early cars appear to be modelled on horse-carriages."

During the past few years the performance of computer hardware has advanced at a rate of between 25 and 40 per cent a year. Users have more computer power than they know what to do with, and are cutting back — European hardware spending in 1990 fell from £35 billion to £32 billion last year.

Software costs, however, are soaring. Computer manufacturers that once gave away programs with their machines, are increasingly turning to software to make up for lost revenues. Last year, European companies spent £5 billion on applications software - the programs that make computers perform useful tasks, which is ten times what they spent a decade earlier.

There is no sign of a slowdown. In 1981 applications software accounted for less than 2 per cent of information technology (IT) budgets and it is forecast to double within four years to 8 per cent. Software is clearly emerging as a big item on the IT shopping list

Applications programs first became widespread in the mid-1970s for administrative tasks such as payroll and accounts, achieving instant productivity gains. Further efficiency improvements were made from 1975 to 1985. when software was applied to operational tasks such as warehousing, point-of-sale and factory planning systems.

The problem came with the move towards office systems. "Staff are staring at desktop PCs that are far too difficult to operate". Mr Lines says, Productivity gains have proved

vation in the past few years has company its leading edge, it been the graphical user inter-



Future software will compare to today's programs as cars do to horse-carriages, says Peter Lines, a consultancy chief

face, with its on-screen icons and mouse pointing device. This has helped make systems much more intuitive: instead of typing in a code to delete a file, a user simply drags it into the electronically displayed rubbish bin. But it does nothing to help speed the develop-

ment of new applications. For companies keen to make better use of their existing machines, the easiest solution is to buy a ready-made software package. This is the cheapest and quickest ap-proach for the 90 per cent of activities that are not key to your competitive edge.
As Mr Lines puts it, "There

is no point in reinventing the wheel. For tasks such as payroll and accounts, there is almost always an application on the shelf.

Even if it means changing your procedures a little, such is the cost of software development that it is almost always worth adapting to fit the package. But for the 100 per cent of

The biggest software inno- the business that gives a may be worth developing in-

dependent software. This might be management information, engineering design or

customer services. There are a number of tools to facilitate software development. Fourth generation languages (4GLs) make it easier for system builders to specify their requirements, and Casetools help them develop software on time and under control

The latest technique is object-oriented programming. Though still in its infancy, object-orientation should do much to speed up the development of complex applica-tions, says David Flint. managing associate at CSC Index, an IT consultancy. It works by dividing systems into a number of independent components that can be pieced together to build a total application.

"It differs from conventional modular programming in projects, and cut error rates.

"Whereas 4GLs are good at you have to change the way

relatively straightforward problems, object-orientation excels at complexity. The more convoluted the problem, the

more advantage it provides." So far it has been largely confined to data management, statistical analysis, and graphical user interfaces, but in future, more general business applications are likely. such as warehousing, ledgers or customers accounts.

he jury is still out on object-orientation, Mr Lines says. "Software typically takes
15 years to move out of the lab and develop the robustness needed for widespread use. There is enormous inertia on the part of users to increasing their investment and add layers of icing and marzipan on the cake."

For example, so-called relational databases have offered users far more power than that the components are very conventional systems for a small," says Mr Flint, who has, number of years, yet they still seen the method speed up account for only 7 per cent of

your business is run. Mr Lines says: "It is no use just throwing software at existing structures and processes. You might give someone a spreadsheet that enables them to accomplish their work in an hour's less time. What do you do then? Pay them less? It may be that they get on the phone and talk to their friends for an hour, in which case your costs

increase.' The biggest current role for software in business re-engineering is linking staff in electronic teams to share data. With portable computers they can even collaborate from home, or remote office on the move, with a data cellular link.

The growing importance of software has created a new generation of industry supergiants led by Microsoft, which threatens to wield similar market dominance with its operating systems that IBM once exercised with its blue boxes. But this power is likely to be gradually undermined by the trend towards open systems and the ability to mix and that you have to work with the have been prepared using match software under any manual open beside you is a other programs, because it For real gains to be made match software under any operating system.

Afterthought that should come first

Then buying a computer system you might spend weeks or even months choosing the right machine by reading magazine reviews, discussing the options with colleagues and examining specifications. The software is often almost an afterthought — perhaps the dealer will throw it in as a

cheap extra. However, because it is ultimately the software, not the hardware, with which you work, you should be prepared to spend just as long on selecting the best database or spreadsheet as you would on selecting, say, the best "386

At first sight, choosing between what can be hundreds of packages doing similar tasks can seem impossible. Three valuable criteria for spotting good software are performance, usability and connectivity. In other words, does the program being con-sidered do all that you want, will you have to fight it to make it do what you want and will it fit in with the rest

Your first question should be: what's in the box? There should be a clear getting-started guide that introduces the basics in a few pages without the need for you to attend a tutorial session first.

The main manual should have a logically arranged reference section, laid out according to topics because alphabetically arranged manuals can be difficult to

Your first practical step will be to install the program, which can be a nightmare. Some programs ask you to make directories and transfer files manually; worse, they require you to get your hands dirty by fiddling with important hard disc files.

Any package should include a simple installer program which does all this for you. If the installation process looks complicated, make your dealer

A good program works in a self-evident way, with simple and obvious commands, logically laid-out menus and an easily understood screen display. Choose a program that makes you feel in control. A program that is so complicated program that may one day must be able to work alongside

Take care in equipping your PC, or you might come to hate it

trap you into making an expensive and irrecoverable mistake.

Assessing performance can be tricky. Regardless of what the program seems on paper to be able to do, in practice its performance may be less than ideal. If you can, try it with long-winded tasks such as sorning a large database, displaying complex graphical pages, or performing involved calculations. Some programs will slow down significantly under these conditions.

You can be easily seduced by the advanced functions that some software offers - a word processor that can adjust text to within 0.001 in, when all you use it for is typing letters.

Similarly, though, it is a cardinal error to buy an application that is underpowered just because it seems simple and easy to use. So make sure there are adequate commands for advanced work that you

may want to do one day.

Nowadays, being able to connect software easily to the outside world can be essential. For example, you will need a "network aware" database program if you want to run a company database: otherwise your colleagues will be locked out of using it whenever you are looking up something.

And any good program should be able to read files that

the other software that you own. You may need to transfer information in bulk from, say, a spreadsheet to a database, and the best way is via compatible files.
You should be seeking a

word processor that has a graphical screen display able to show your document exactly as it will print out, a powerful search and replace function. limited desktop publishing functions and the ability to cope with graphics.

Assessing a spreadsheet pro-gram is straightforward: just compare it with the industry standard, Lotus 1-2-3. Make sure it can handle Lotus data files, and that setting up, rearranging and checking large spreadsheets is easy.

Of all the leading types of software, a good database is perhaps the hardest to spot. The more powerful ones are relational, offering the ability to inter-relate data in complex ways but making heavy com-puting demands — dBase is probably the best known —

while a simpler file manager type of program will run best on a smaller system.

Ask questions. Can the screen display be modified to make the records easy to read? Can you set up a separate data entry screen? How many records will you need to store? Will you be performing calculations on the data? Will you want to use the program over a network?

Does the program need to look up information from several database files? This way, whether the program you choose is relational or flat-file it will be one that suits the way you work.

Do not be tempted to borrow the program for "evaluation" unless you genuinely intend to buy a copy of your own. Piracy is a false economy, especially if the livelihood of your company depends on the software.

Once you have bought your program, allow yourself five minutes or so to fill in the product registration card. Curiously, only a third of users. despite having spent from £100 to £500 on a program. bother to return the postcard that entitles them to free technical support.

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A new quest for greater variety

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The software industry is facing the challenge of repeating what it did with the IBM PC, as the PC begins to slide into obsolescence. As desktop computers become available with the power of supercomputers, and new types of computer such as huge parallel systems and neural networks begin to build market share, users are already demanding the great variety and cheapness of the "shrink wrapped" software available for the PC.

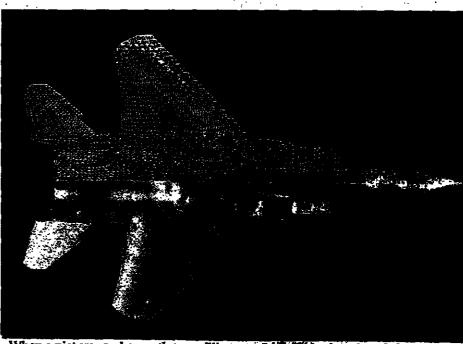
Reflecting a widely held view, Chris Martin, of Digital Equipment, which sells software development products. says: "I believe that another breakthrough is required to see the way forward.

"For example, there was a lot of excitement about computer aided software engineering but many customers have been disappointed. It is a bit like artificial intelligence about five years ago, which was sup-posed to solve everyone's problems."

But hardware is developing so fast on such a wide front it is difficult to tell how the software to run on it should develop. Although there are many ways in which hardware design could go, there are only two main demands from users: software should be easily transferred from computer to computer and should be available in cheap packages, with as little need to adapt them to individual needs as possible. This basically means open

systems and shrink wrapped software. The IBM PC brought both of these concepts to the fore. Having been shown the explosive growth that can occur if software is independent of hardware, the open systems movement is gathering pace in workstation and mainframe markets. And the high cost of bespoke software has increased interest in shrink wrapped software packages for bigger systems using the Unix system.

The cost of building your own software is also the driving force behind what is called



When a picture can be worth ten million numbers designing aircraft for the future

"object-oriented" program-ming, according to Mr Mar-

Object-oriented Object-oriented programming which is already being abbreviated to OO, breaks the classical, one-piece program up into modules that have one specific object in life, such as communication, generating visuals and a mathe-matical process.

This is already a feature of many software development suites, but what makes OO different is that they communicate with each other in standard ways, agreed by international committees, so that an OO module from one software developer should interlock with modules from other suppliers to make an instant working program.

"OO is a set of software parts bins," Mr Martin says. "In the same way that a car maker can build a new model from standard parts, you choose components from the bins to build software quickly."

So far, OO has not made

significant inroads into commercial computing, because it is still not simple enough for anybody to use without

The most enthusiastic users have been in the scientific community because academics not only have the capability to develop their own software. they cannot usually afford to have complex programs spe-

cially written, and anyway, they enjoy it. One of the most interesting OO applications has been produced for scientists by IBM. although it is not compliant with the international stan-

dards now being developed, known rather charmingly as OOPS, for object-oriented power systems. Called the power visualisation system, it is designed to transform reams of measurements into simple diagrams that people can understand, on the principle that a picture is worth ten million numbers in rows on

computer paper.
Paul Riley, a research scientist at IBM's scientific centre at Winchester, knows how useful that can be from experience he trained as an archeologist. A site survey can involve thousands of readings. Generating a coherent image of the remains from them can be an almost impossible task for the human mind.

Power visualisation enables pictures to be built up from the data in a matter of minutes, in colour, and to be rotated, turned inside out or manipulated in whatever way the user wants to get a better insight.
To get the machine to

perform these complex manupulations could in the past have meant months of programming. Now, all the user needs to do is bring up on the screen a flow chart of the modules in use, bring in any new ones needed and fit them together in much the same way as Lego bricks. The machine checks that the interfaces of the modules are all connected correctly, and the program is ready to run.

One use of the system is to allow car makers to visualise what a new model will look like. Mr Riley says that Honda, a big user of the IBM system, can generate in three to four hours a video of the proposed design, which would have taken days or even weeks of processing time using conventional processors.

The strong open-systems el-ement in OO will be reflected in other emerging areas in software, according to Andrew Rutter, senior manager at software house Hoskyns. "Now that people are moving to distributed companies, with serious processors all over the place, we need distributed knowledge of how to hang

things together," he says. The challenge for software is to cope with keeping information clean and up to date in a system that has caches of data everywhere, in different formats and for different pur-

Object oriented techniques are likely to assist here as well. Mr Kutter says, but the probienas will be immense.

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The new OS/2 can do just about anything.

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The first point to understand about IBM's new OS/2 is that it is a completely new kind of animal. It's nothing like DOS or any DOS extender, such as Windows:

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It protects your existing software investment. Yet it's capable of running many thousands of applications, no matter whether they were originally written for DOS, Windows or OS/2. (Indeed it will run DOS or Windows applications, without necessarily having either installed.)

Better still it allows silky smooth multi-tasking. Instead of moving leadenly from one operation to another, documents can be printed, spreadsheets calculated and communications maintained. So while you concentrate on one application, the rest keep running in the background.

Multi-tasking with OS/2 2.0 means you can have lots of DOS, Windows and OS/2 applications, all of them working at the same time.

Other benefits are that a PC user on a LAN can run 'mission critical' applications and still communicate with other systems within the network.

Information can be dynamically linked in 'real-time' from multiple application sources. And it allows a relational, security-tight database to be developed and maintained within the LAN.

Nor has IBM overlooked the obvious danger of keeping so many balls in the air at once. The new OS/2 is virtually crash proof.

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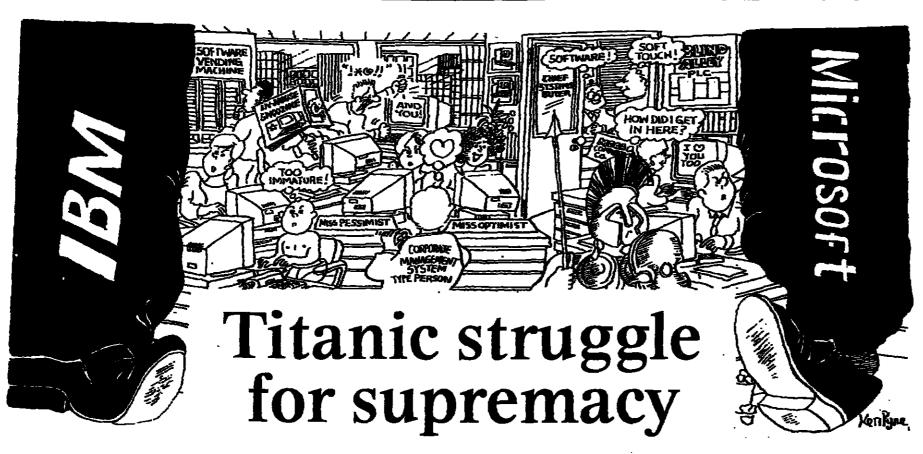
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icibiades achieved lasting infamy by maintaining a foot in both camps during the Peloponnesian War. The leading program suppliers find themselves in a similar position in the battle for supremacy in

personal computing.

At issue is much of the style and substance of personal computing. When a PC is switched on, the screen and the services presented to the user are determined by the core operating code.

The style has been set by Apple's Macintosh, where the cryptic com-mands of conventional computing are replaced by graphics in the form of diagrammatic guidelines. This is what is known as a graphical user interface (GUI), and it has become a battleground.

The two main protagonists are the former partners, IBM and Microsoft. As with any other epic struggle, each has sought to rally supporters - in this case the software community - to its flag. Unlike most other epic struggles. the supporters are often the same

on both sides. Any program producer eager to preserve a share in the PC market has to place each-way bets on the contenders. The issue is complicated by the fact that it is not a twohorse race. Apple's Macintosh is another force to be reckoned with. and from further up the scale there are other options, while among the unknown quantities are a joint

As battle is joined for the hearts of personal computer users, the protagonists find themselves rallying supporters, many of whom have a foot in each camp. **David Guest** reports from the sidelines

development between IBM and Apple, known as Taligent, and possibly Apple founder Steve Jobs's Nextstep operating system, on which IBM has a licence option.

Lotus sums the problem up in the spring issue of its in-house magazine. "An optimist might say that the user will end up with choice." says the leading program maker.

One big group has dismissed the offering of its rival as 'immature'

"The pessimist will point out that although users might be able to pick and choose operating systems, the breadth of applications software bound to suffer. Moreover, support will become a bigger htmare than it already is."

Lotus is one of those companies committed to what is known as "cross-platform support", which is to say that it aims to provide sions of its programs for all the alternative styles. It acknowledges

that this is expensive, with possibly little return on investment in some

Microsoft now has the edge in weight of numbers — 12.2 million copies of its Windows software in use, compared with 1.2 million for IBM's rival OS/2. Drawing on market research from the United States-based IDC, it notes that 6,500 programs are available for Windows, as against 300 for OS/2.

The most recent product upgrades from both companies point to an improvement in the ratio for IBM; it claims 70,000 shipments of the second version of OS/2 since its launch in April, while Microsoft says it has sold 2.2 million copies of Windows 3.1 over the same period.

The conclusion that Lotus reaches is a thumbs down for Microsoft. "What is becoming clear is that software vendors that devote all of their applications develop-ment to the Windows environment will increasingly find themselves locked out of long-term corporate IT strategies," Lotus says.

Microsoft acknowledges this criticism but argues that, within a matter of months, it will no longer be valid. David Smith, Microsoft UK's system marketing manager. says that IBM's promotion of OS/2 version 2 focuses on the technical aspects of the operating system, especially its resilience in being able to control more than one computing task simultaneously.

That kind of thing appeals to the corporate management infor-mation systems people," he says. "Windows NT will fit there — it will

One wrong move, and a company could find itself in a blind alley

deliver everything the corporate MIS department wants, without

Microsoft promises Windows NT (New Technology) by the end of this year. By that time, it hopes to be able to offer the Windows-style façade for use on widely differing computer architectures, from portable PCs to powerful workstations. The company dismisses IBM's

offering as "immature". Mr Smith claims: "It is low on printer and

screen support, and it needs at least 8 megabytes of memory to work properly. They are seven years behind us in terms of development of the product."

IBM prefers to concentrate on the technical qualities of OS/2 now available to a wider group of PC users. It claims that by the year's end, programs specific to OS/2 version 2 will have been produced by more than 1,000 software

The way people are expected to use computers deserves more attention, says Dermot Browne of the consultancy KMPG. "Fifty to 60 per cent of the code may go into the user interface, but nothing like that amount of time and care goes into the design."

He says developments such as Windows and the Macintosh and corporate style guides "are not prescriptive enough for individual applications or across suites of programs. With Windowing interfaces, there are many different ways of navigating an application and invoking commands, and so much more room for good and bad

The final irony of this contention between Microsoft, IBM and others is that the products in question are supposed to make PC programs easier to use. Their variety, however, makes the programs more difficult to buy. One wrong move, and a company could find itself in a

How to research a database buy

A good information source can improve the effectiveness of a business,

but the potential for confusion is high

rgument has long raged about what a computer database, the computerised equivalent of a basic card index, is and what it really does. Despite advances made almost daily in the field of computer technology, the average business person is still confused by the claims and counter claims of many suppliers.

Terms such as "relational" and "hierarchical" have been thrown around over the past couple of years without any proper explanation of what they mean, or the differences between the database products that bear these descriptions. Since most buyers are not familiar with the intricate world of database design and even less interested in finding out, the potential for confusion is high Currently, many companies cannot use their computer systems to tap their vast store of knowledge

because the bulk of it is simply not av-atlable. Some computer systems cannot manage all this information quickly enough.

The nature of today's trading cuvironment also demands a more sophisticated use of information.
It is no longer enough to look up quickly the name, address and telephone number of a supplier or customer. To stay a step ahead of the competition, access to other sources of information held in a number of files is becoming a com-

pulsory discipline. Used wisely, a database can transform the way a company does

At its crudest level, a database resembles a box of record cards. A card "file" is made up from a number of cards or records, each laid out in an identical way. One file, for example, will contain the basic description of a supplier, from the address and telephone number to a contact. Another will list the different types of product in the portfolio and a third will contain all the marketing information needed to build up an up-todate customer profile

Puil the right kind of informa-

tion from each file and the user soon gets a feeling for which product best suits which customer. This so-called "relational" ap-proach, is being used by many organisations to improve the way

they operate.

For example, every time HM
Customs and Enrise seized illegal drugs at Heatinow airport, it took an average of two hours to com-plete the supporting paperwork. Inevitably, errors crept in.

Thanks to the introduction of new technology, details are now entered into a personal computer and transferred via a network to be stored in a database. When re-quired, the information is sent back to the PC, assimilated into a forms document and printed at the officer's local printer.

The system has improved the accuracy with which contraband can be securely and accurately tracked, providing the com-

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Staying ahead of now necessary for court evi-dence," Vic Whittington. competition means tapping new sources of information

> division at HM Customs and Excise, says. The National Audit Office (NAO) audits the biggest spender in the UK — the government. Last year, over £300 billion of taxpayens' money, or one third of the British economy, was spent or collected by the UK's 500 public sector bodies.

To improve efficiency, the NAO is spending £6 million over five years on a new IT strategy. At its heart is a resource management system, which plans and monitors the activities of all NAO staff and keeps track of cash.

British Sugar is spending £12 million on a new factory information technology system, replacing computer systems database software.

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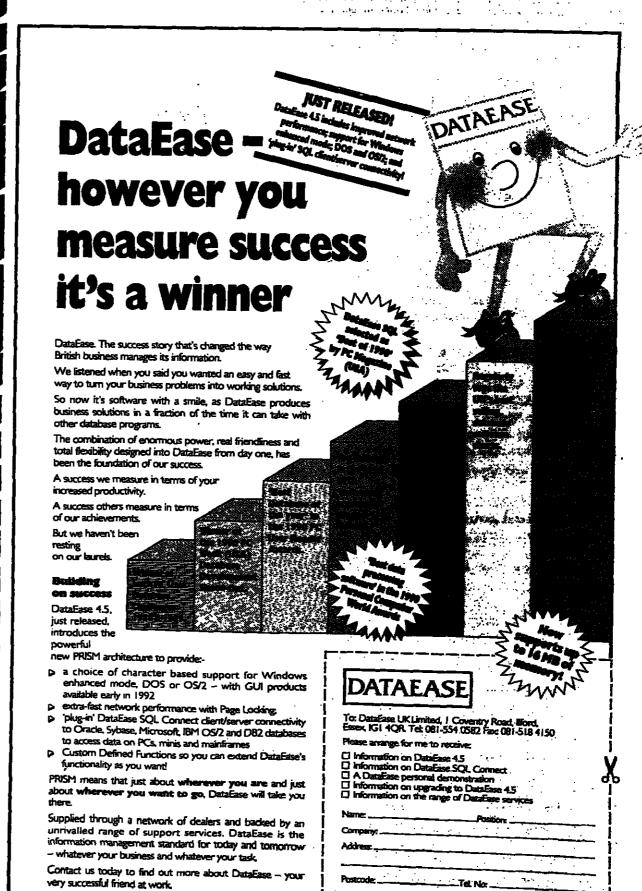
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ompanies that develop stringent in its efforts to crack down on the illegal copying of computer

programs. Software piracy, they claim, now costs the computer industry in Europe more than £3 billion a year in lost revenues, approximately the size of the legitimate market.

If the trade in illegal software were stamped out the market would automatically double and 17,000 extra jobs would be created, according to campaigners against

piracy: Software piracy includes the unanimorised copying of a program purchased by a company or individual for use by a third party. One of the biggest problems the industry faces is that the copying is often carried out not for financial gain but because it is easier to copy someone else's program than to go through the long and tedious process of ordering one's own.

Although many leading corporations have issued strict edicts and guidelines covering illegal copying of software, including instant dismissal for perpetrators, the matter remains one of the main concerns for the software companies.

Two organisations exist to combat piracy: the UK-based Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) and the international Business Software Alliance (BSA).

Apart from individual or in-. house company copying, there is a

Omparies that develop computer software are calling on the European Community to be more in its efforts to crack down

growing trade in deliberate cross border software counterfeiting on a mass scale for profit.

The BSA has joined forces with representatives of other industries that feel threatened by the copying of their work, including film and record companies, to call on the EC to tighten its 1986 regulations on

the importation of counterfeits. The participants want customs officials empowered to seize and destroy any illegal imports that infringe intellectual property rights including copyrights, trademarks

and patents.

BSA figures suggest that the UK and Ireland lost software companies £300 million worth of revenue in 1990, a steady if unspectacular rise over the previous two years. Heading the European piracy table; however, are said to be Germany and Austria at £600 million each and France with £400

Bradford Stnith, the BSA's consultant lawyer, admirs that al-though counterfeiting software for illegal gain is a major problem the organisation spends more time tracking down the company pirates. But he argues that the copying in companies, unwitting or not, is still damaging.

They are copying for profit because they are reducing their



Only experts can spot the difference: Bradford Smith compares real and counterfeit software packages

overall business expense." Mr Smith says. "The problem is where copying is carried out on a depart-lt was the BSA and Fast that

mental level." The IT department may even recommend standardising on a particular piece of software but the budgetary structure of the company may mean that it is purchased on a

initiated the raid last year on the offices of Mirror Group Newspapers when 27 people representing seven software developers, among them Lotus Development, Microsoft, and WordPerfect, found 800

copies of programs, more than 650 of which were believed to be iilegal. The case was serded in January

when Mirror Group Newspapers agreed to buy replacement copies of all the copied software, compensate the software houses for the pro-grams copied together with their legal fees and institute an audit

program to ensure compliance with copyright requirements in the

Although the responsibility for ensuring that employees do not illegally copy software lies with the employer, in practice policing the process is often impossible.

But the BSA argues that adherence to the software copyright law is the corporate responsibility of the company. The software developers themselves are taking a hand in this process, according to Mr

He adds: "The software houses are trying to devise solutions which make software protection commercially sensible. They are introducing network licences where the use of software is policed by the computer systems themselves."

ome software companies are so concerned about the problems of piracy in the European market that they have appointed a director specifically to handle the issue.

Lotus Development, the company that wrote the best selling PC spreadsheet product, 1-2-3, esti-mates that half of the programs are not being used legally and it has now appointed a European direc-

for of copyright protection.

The BSA has instituted an audit

of a possible intringement, it will enter a company's premises to check on the legal validity of its software. If illegal copies are discovered, the company will then be asked to pay the necessary compensation to the developers.

In return, the BSA will then undertake not to prosecute the culprit or to make the details of the infringement public.

There is no doubt that European software protection lags considerably behind that in the United States which lost only £1.2 billion in 1990 compared to Europe's £2.5 billion. According to Mr Smith, the US recognised the dangers of software piracy and introduced legislation to curb it much earlier than in

Europe. Mr Smith points out that first European litigation against software pirates did not take place until 1989 and not until 1990 in the UK. Last year the EC issued a directive tightening the rules gov

must be implemented by all 12 members by January 1, 1993. However, he does not believe this will solve the problem of piracy although he considers that it repre-

erning software copyright, which

sents a step forward. The penetration of personal computers, of which nearly 3.5 million are in use in the UK alone, the ease of copying software and the difficulties of discovering the culprits mean that software piracy is likely to remain a headache for software companies for many years.

Enter the team with linked PCs

New programs have been devised for workgroup computing

the typical company structure of the 1990s will probably feature flattened management hierarchies and mobile teams of versatile white-collar workers:

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Those flattened middle managers who survive the culls will find that they have more to manage. The white-collar professionals, moving from group to group and project to project, cannot be expected to carry everything around in their heads.

For this category of workers, the IT industry has already produced a supporting. programme. Originally, the computer programs designed for use by groups were known as "groupware", but the pio-neers of groupware have begun to shy away from this term and now prefer the more long-winded "workgroup computing". This means that where a PC might previously have improved the productivity of an individual, groups of people with interconnected PCs might now achieve productivity gains greater than

the sum of the parts.

of individual PC users are

to require faith. Perhaps for this reason, workgroup computing take off inthe UK, "But

I think we're getting there," argues Nigel Thomas, product marketing manager responsible at totus for a package called Notes. "One problem has been the difficuity of explaining the concept to people; you usually have to show it to them." This product has always

been difficult to explain; it is a kind of superstructure on which familiar programs can be assembled for use by teams. The company assists by giving away generic programs from a pool of 50 titles with each copy of Notes.

It also sponsors a City University Business School research study to promote the concept. in May this year, a team from Ivory & Syme, a Scottish fund management company, won £25,000 worth of consultancy and programs for creating the most creative and technically ambitious groupware application in competition with seven other

organisations. lvory & Syme came up with an information system that took data from a variety of sources - electronic feeds and paper reports - and made it available to analysts throughout the company.

Until now, however, operators of networks in the UK have proved sceptical about the benefits of groupware. Two current trends might cause them to re-assess their

The first is the adaptation of familiar PC programs for team use. This is illustrated by the arrival in the UK of a USbased company called United

Information Technologies (UTI) with a product called the

Spreadsheet Connector. The spreadsheet is one of the most commonly used PC programs. Its cellular pattern has become a routine feature of many a PC user's work, whether it involves financial analysis or the row-andcolumn form of presentation to which the grid is suited. "The spreadsheet was not

designed for multiple users or for very large amounts of data," argues Chris Meister, UIT's director of business development. "If you get into large numbers of people using them - in financial workgroups, say - you find large amounts of frustration. It can take long hours to get the "up with highly faid analysts keying data from one spreadsheet to another."

UIT's product claims to turn the two best-selling into groupware programs.

The second frend in the

workgroup computing field is Since the productivity gains mic mail. This means of trans-

other is not new: it has unpopular But the couvenience factor, previ-ously over-

Hitherto, to send or respond to an electronic mail message a user has had to stop the job through the often obscure procedures of the mail system

in a separate program. This is the equivalent of walking to the nearest telephone box every time you need to make a call. Software suppliers have latterly recognised that it should be possible to perform this routine from within other programs, especially from within the word processing program in which the message is prepared.

Providing electronic mail as an automatic adjunct of other programs should immediately improve the prospects of team members communicating with each other. As ever in the computer industry, the value to users could be diluted by the suppliers' insistence on providing more than one way

of doing the same thing. Microsoft has demonstrated just such a messaging infrastructure and is hoping to attract software suppliers to adapt their programs to its "messaging applications programming interface". Lotus is promoting "vendor independent messaging" along what it says are broader lines.

Groupware may be an underdeveloped area of IT. but it is going to command an increasing amount of attention, from the suppliers, at

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The time it takes a Microsoft Windows user to learn to use a new Windows application. Because they all work the same way, learning new ones is simple.

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Cyclists prepare for ultimate test on the road to riches



Indurain: last year's winner favours the traditional challenge of the Pyrenees

he Tour de France, which starts tomorrow. is the world's richest cycling race. But to earn a share of the £1 million prizemoney, riders must pass a test of endurance and skill which, arguably, has no equal in

The 2,370-mile route, which will be ridden in 22 daily stages — one rest day comes after the first 12 winds its way through seven countries before reaching the finish line in Paris on July 26. A Tour of Europe? Yes. A Tour de France? Hardly. Even the prologue time-trial tomorrow. a mere five miles but which should be covered in less than ten minutes by the winner, is in San Sebastian.

Money is the reason for Le Tour spreading beyond the frontiers of France, whose cities and towns have always been ready to bid high for a stage start or finish, and still do. Now, the organisers also actively invite financial backing from other countries, with the promise of saturation television coverage. London's chance of hosting

a future stage is minimal, but negotiations have already started to interest south-coast resorts once the Channel tunnel is open.

This year, the Tour abandons an 82-year tradition by Nearly 200 riders set out tomorrow on the Tour de France,

a demanding and expanding examination of endurance with a pot of gold at the finish. Peter Bryan sets the scene

shunning the Pyrenees, where the race has so often been won or lost. It has not been popular with many of the top riders, who want the chance to be part of the legend that the mountain range has produced.

When Miguel Indurain, the title holder from Spain, heard that the Pyrenees were out he said: "The tradition and prestige of the race are in France," and that the world's three leading national tours - of France, Spain and Italy — should be just that. Not that the exclusion of the

Pyrenees will make the Tour any easier for the 198 competitors, forming 22 teams of nine riders, who survive to Dole, in the Jura. Then come three days of hell in the Alps, when the "mountain goats" — the climbing specialists — come into their own.

The climbs, and their accompanying terrifying de-scents, are formidable: the Col de l'Iseran (2,770 metres), Col du Galibier (2,646 metres), Col du Telegraphe (1,670 metres), Col de la Croix de Fer (2,068 metres). l'Alpe d'Huez (1,860 metres) and the Col de

la Croix Morand (1,401 metres) are among those that will influence the outcome of the

Indurain, who rode for so long in the shadow of his team captain, Pedro Delgado, emerged last year as his own man, strong enough to hold off the dual Italian challenge from Gianni Bugno and Claudio Chiappucci. This year, Indurain, who will be 28 on the Tour's one rest day, goes to the start as a convincing Tour of Italy winner, beating Chiappucci in Bugno's absence.

Bugno's sponsors are said to have invested some £5 million



in the team, which includes Laurent Fignon, Tour winner in 1983 and 1984 and luser. by eight seconds, to Greg LeMond in a memorable time-trial finish along the Champs Elysses in 1989. The American, bidding for his fourth True wickers, has

his fourth Tour victory, has kept a low profile this year, although his win in the Tour Du Pont suggests both confi-dence and the dedication of

his Z team. This year's Tour is unlikely to produce a British or Irish stage winner, although Robert Millar's strength in the mountains cannot be ignored. Sean Kelly is nearing the end of his career, Stephen Roche, at his peak in 1987, has a back problem; and Sean Yates will be protecting his Australian leader, Phil Anderson.

If, with three days of the race to go, the agony of the Alps fails to produce a clear leader. the 37-mile time-trial between Tours and Blois could be the final arbiter before Paris signals the end of three weeks in

cycling's torture chamber.

At least the race has been spared the agony of those caught in traffic jams in France due to the barricading of roads by French truck drivers. Yesterday the protesters said they would not impede the passage of riders and the convoy of support cars.

SPORTS POLITICS

IOC queries call for political slogans

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

annhands by South African athletes at the Olympic Games would be acceptable, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced yesterday. Armbands bearing pro-democracy slogans would be a different matter, however, and would have to be studied in the light of rules which forbid political propaganda in the Olympics.

On Wednesday, the African National Congress (ANC) decided not to call for a renewed international sporting boycott in protest against the massacre of 41 people at Boipatong township two weeks ago. But in allowing South Africa to take part in the Games for the first time since 1960, the ANC imposed a number of conditions, including the wearing of prodemocracy armbands by

South African competitors. The ANC proviso appeared to contravene rule 61 of the Olympic charter, which bans political, religious or racial propaganda at the Games. including political message on clothing or equipment. Violation of this rule would result in disqualification and

loss of accreditation. Croatian athletes marched in the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics in Albertville in February wearing military cap hadges of the Croatian National Guard to

THE wearing of black honour their dead in the republic's war of independence from Yugoslavia. The IOC took no action over that and also appeared to breach its charter when it agreed to allow the European Community to promote its message of European unity at the Albertville and Barcelona opening

ceremonies for \$12 million. It was the first time in Olympic history that an international political organisation had used the Games for

promotional purposes. While South African athletes expressed their delight at the ANC's decision, the media was not so pleased. The pro-government Citizen newspaper said in an editorial: "It is ridiculous. No sports body should have surrendered to this blackmail by the ANC." The Johannesburg Star said the armband proviso and another requiring teams from overseas to visit the scene of a township massacre were

"sure to spark controversy."

Australia and New Zealand said that the rugby union tours of South Africa next month would go ahead and indicated that they would comply with conditions imposed by the ANC.

☐ Wei Yan, the leading Australian badminton player, yesterday ended his hunger strike in protest at being left out of the Australian Olympic team after one day.

TABLE TENNIS

Gatien leaps to No. 1

to No.63.

THE French champion, Jean-Phillipe Gatien, who won the English Open in January, is the new world No. 1. On the world lists issued yesterday by the International Table Tennis Federation, Gatien surprisingly takes over at the top from the world champion, Jorgen Persson, of Sweden, who moves down to No. 3.

Chen Xinhua, of Yorkshire, is the highest ranked English squad player, going up two places to No. 13, while the England No. 2, Carl Prean, of the Isle of Wight, also jumps two places, to No. 20.

The former Commonwealth champion, Alan Cooke, of

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disappointing rise for the silver medal winner at the European championships in

No. 42, and Matthew Syed, of Berkshire, rises eight places

In the women's list, the

England No. 1. Lisa Lomas.

of Bedfordshire, has gone up

two places to No. 35, a

Stumgart.
The ITTF secretary general,
Tony Brooks, said: "Gatien's move to the top comes from winning 25 points at the English Open, 32 points in the European Nations' Cup. and 34 points in the team event in Stuttgart."

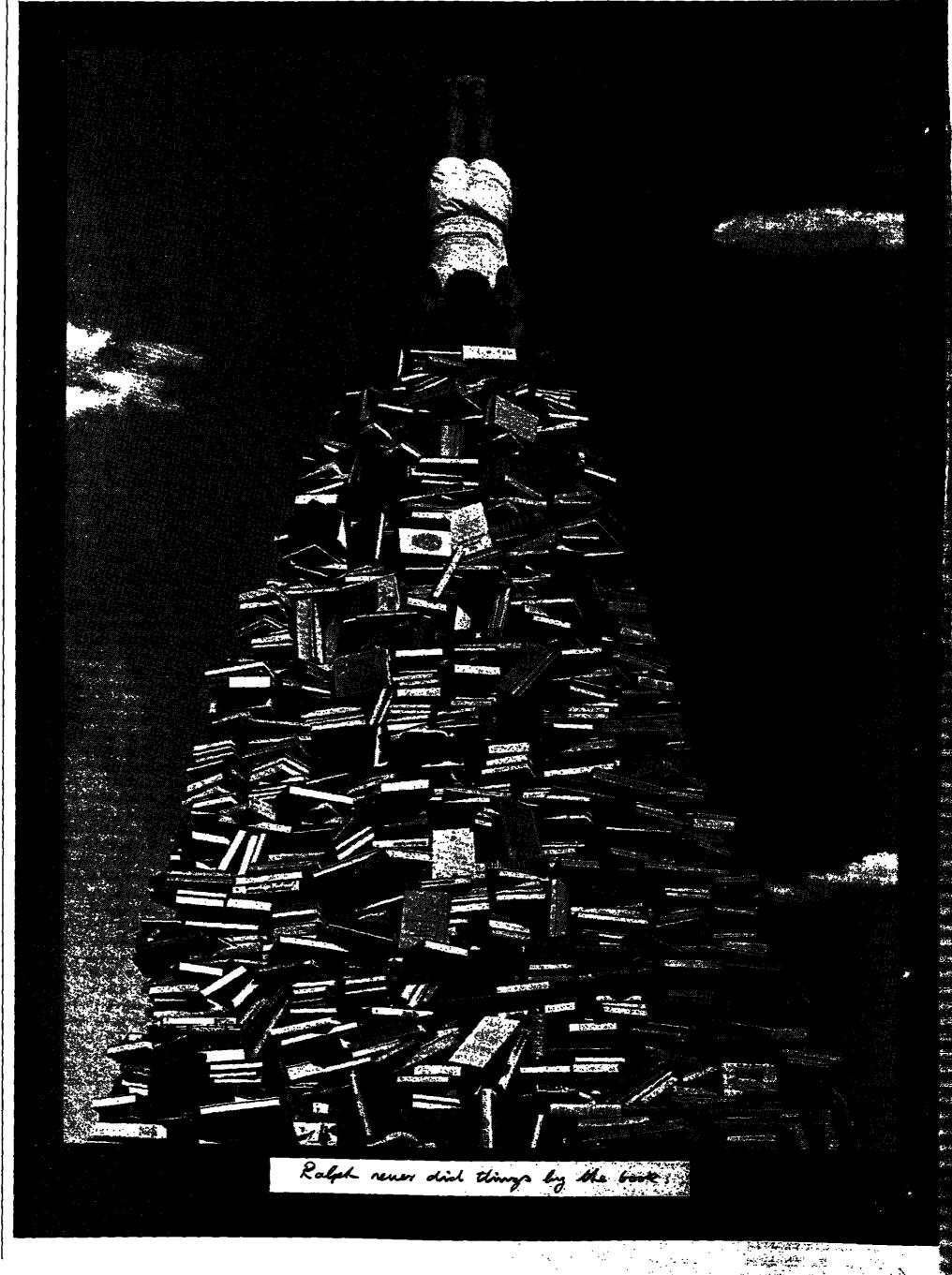
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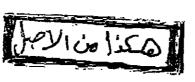
TRIATHLON

British rivals vying for title

TWO Britons, who are among the best young triathletes in the world, will meet in the European championship in Lommel, Belgium, this week-end (a Special Correspondent

Simon Lessing, aged 20, the junior and senior European champion over the Olympic distance (1.5km swim, 40km cycle ride and 10km run), will face stiff competition from Spencer Smith, who at 18 is the European youth champion and the senior European duathlon champion a title he won earlier this year in Madrid. Smith has only been beaten once this year, by





Wigan forwards again hold the key for Great Britain

FROM KEITH MACKLIN

THE importance to British international ... rugby league of today's game here against Australia, which will decide the three match series, has to be placed in a historical perspective. There is a generation of young men playing and watching the game in Britain today who do not know what it feels like to win a series against Australia.

Their fathers and grandfathers will tell them of Boston. Ashton, Murphy, Millward, Fox and Karalius, and of the years when Great Britain ruled the rugby league world and the Australian tails were invariably between their legs.

But only one player in today's Britain side for the World Cup match at Lang Park was born when Britain last won an international game on the Brisbane pitch. He is the dependable full back, Graham Steadman, who was six months old at the time in 1962. Since then.



tive international matches at this compact and noisy ground, the home of the game in Queensland.

It is 22 years since Britain last won a series. It was pretty close, 2-1, in 1974, but between 1979 and 1986 they were whitewashed four times, home and away, and every one wondered it Brinia would

one wondered if Britain would ever again win a match against the men in green and gold.

Then, marvellously and unexpectedly. Malcolm Reilly's impry-ravaged 1988 touring team, 2-9 down, and written off by all and stindry, won the third games at Sydney, the first British success in 16 matches.

This was followed by the

euphoric victory at Wembley in the first match of the 1990 series, which was won narrowly by the visitors. Tonight, after defeat at Sydney and a spectacularly unexpected 33-10 win at Melbourne last Friday, Britain stand tamalisingly on the threshold of a famous triumph. Lang Park will be packed.

with up to 10,000 British supporters trying to make as much noise as 22,000 Australians.

Brisbane 30 years ago.

of the match from 10am.

GREAT SHITAIN: G Steadman (Caste-ford), P Eastwood (H.G.), D Powell (Shreffact Engles), P Newtone Freather-stone Rovers), M Offish (Migan), G Schoglad (Leeds), S Exhants (Migan), K Steared, M Dermott, A Platt, W McGinty, D Batter, D Clarke (at Wingen) Substitutes. J

If the tackling, led by the six Wigan forwards, is as certain as it was at Melbourne, and the backs can move the ball away from the heavier Australian pack. Britain can do it and at last emerge from their frustrating 22-year spell in the



Dependable: Steadman, the Great Britain full back

RUGBY UNION

Australia's run of injuries improves All Black chances

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

WHEN New Zealand began their tour of Australia last month, the Australians were favourites to retain the preeminence established by their World Cup success last November. A fascinating potpourri of events since has invested the first international at the Sydney Football Stadium tomorrow with a far greater degree of equality.

Since disposing of Scotland last month, the Australians have suffered a trail of injuries. not least during the All Blacks' encounter last weekend with New South Wales, which left a bitter taste in Australian mouths. The subsequent war of words this week will, if nothing else, be good for

New Zealand have compromised stylistically and have restored Grant Fox to standoff half while selecting the exciting John Timu at full

The melange also includes Jim Fleming, the experienced Scottish official, who has the privilege - if that is the right word - of refereeing the third international to be played under the new laws. Fleming has had only two matches in Australia during the last week in which to familiarise himself with the practical side-effects of the changes, while the players have been performing under them for less than a

Fleming handled the last encounter between the countries - the World Cup semifinal in Dublin last October and it is New Zealand's failure in that competition that has added fuel to the verbal exchanges this week, now that the Bledisloe Cup is at stake.

Of their World Cup final XV, Australia are missing Marty Roebuck and Willie Ofahengaue through injury, while Rob Egerton is now in

the United States and Simon Poidevin has limited his representative appearances. They are also without the injured Tim Gavin at No. 8, where Sam Scott-Young will play. while Jason Linle makes a possibly premature return at centre after glandular fever.

It is the knowledge that Australia have a new full back in Tim Kelaher that will have weighed with the All Black selectors when they chose For for the match tomorrow. In his last international, against the World XV in April, Fox was booed from the field and subsequently. Walter Little was tried as the playmaker.

But the accuracy of Fox's game, his known prowess as a goalkicker and a commitment to the more fluid game that Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, is seeking, have earned him a recall.

Fox will surely test Kelaher with the kind of searching kicks that Little is incapable of delivering. New Zealand expect that Michael Lynagh will do as much for Timu but the little Otago man, better known as a wing, has the speed over the ground that Matthew Cooper has not.

Steve McDowell's tenure at loose-head prop has ended, after 38 consecutive internationals, and Richard Loe, so long his country's tight-head prop. moves to what is his regular position for Walkato. AUSTRALIA: T Keleher (New South Wales): P Carozza (Queensland), J Little (Queensland), T Horan (Queensland), D Camposa (NSW), M Lynagh (Queensland), N Part-Jones (NSW), captain): A Daly (NSW), P Keems (NSW), E McClenzie (NSW), T Coler (Queensland), R McCall (Queensland), J Eales (Queensland), D

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NEW ZEALAND: J Timu (Osago). J Kirwar (Auckland). F Bunce (North Harbour). W Lutie (North Harbour). W Lutie (North Harbour). W Lutie (North Harbour). W Strachas (Auckland). R Loe (Wallato). S Fizzpatric (Auckland). R Loe (Wallato). S Fizzpatric (Auckland). M Brewer (Osago). R Brooks (Auckland). Jones (North Auckland), M Jones (Auckland). Jones (North Auckland), M Jones (Auckland). Relaree: J Fleming (Scotland).

Ojomoh called in to add mobility

FROM DAVID HANDS

STEVEN Ojomoh, who only after stupidly trampling on an New Zealand with England B a fortnight before departure, was promoted yesterday as one of three changes for the final tour match at Pukekohe on Sunday. In its efforts to square the series against a New Zealand XV, the management has introduced three forwards who, it hopes, will offer a more dynamic ap-

proach in loose play.

Ojomoh, who played such a storming game at No. 8 against North Auckland on Wednesday, is preferred to Matt Greenwood at blind-side flanker, though the Nottingham player has been suffering from a chest infection.

Martin Haag, the sixth Bath player in the side, comes in at lock instead of David Baldwin, and Martin Hynes, the Orrell loose-head prop. replaces Gavin Baldwin.

The tour selectors believe there has been no dilution of the set-piece solidity evident in the game at Hamilton, which they lost 24-18 against New Zealand's developing players. But we are looking for more mobility in the loose," Graham Smith, the manager, said before his team travelled south from Whangarei yesterday.

Certainly, Ojomoh and Hynes provided that in the narrow defeat of North Auckland, although Hynes received his third ticking off of the tour opponent — a case of the biter bit, since it is England who have suffered from what New Zealanders call rucking on this tour.

Haag, perhaps, is fortunate to play ahead of David Sims, whose lineout work on Wednesday was good, but the Bath lock is deemed to have the greater presence about the

Ojomoh, aged 22, a student at Bristol Polytechnic, was jubilant about selection for his first full B international - a distinction he shares with Hynes.

He had been told early in the tour that his fitness level was not considered adequate, which has turned out to be the necessary spur to unleash the athleticism evident since his representative days with Engiand's schools, colts and under-21 teams. Since then, Ojomoh, who

came to England from Nigeria when aged 11, has prospered with Bath as a No. 8, the position he prefers, and at flanker, which he admits is the more natural position for a man of 6ft 2in. "All I wanted from the word go was the chance to tour because ! know what I can do when I am fit," Ojomoh said. That chance came when Dean Ryan, the Wasps captain, was forced by domestic circumstances to withdraw from the party.

BRIDGE

Scotland squander good lead in Gold Cup final

BY ALBERT DORMER

THE British League's premier event, the season ending Gold Cup, has been won by the No. 1 seed, but only after a close encounter with a Scottish formation.

The Scots, captained by Les Steel, were the only four-man formation to reach the Gold Cup quarter-finals from an entry of more than 400 teams. but their lack of a third pair may have cost them Britain's oldest bridge blue ribbon. In leading team-of-four championships, most teams have six members, with two pairs playing and one pair resting.

In the final, the Scots met Ian Kirby, John Armstrong and Tony Forrester, anchor players in Britain's squad for the Olympiad Challenge next

championship veterans. Raymond Brock and Rob Sheehan, and the experienced Willy Coyle. The Scots went well ahead but the margin began to erode and in the last eight boards it crumbled, Kirby piling on the pressure to win by 138 international match points to 109. For the losers, Barnett

Shenkin has a strong record and his partnership with Steel is Scotland's best. This was a particularly creditable performance for the younger pair, Malcolm Cuthbertson and Andrew McIntosh. The Scots had eliminated the No. 2 seed. led by Peter Czerniewski, then beat another strong London team, captained by Oliver Segal and including Andrew Robson.



Isis novices press London hard in Thames Cup eights at Henley Royal Regatta

Walters gives Reininger a big fright in Diamonds

By Mike Rosewell rowing correspondent

GARETH Walters came within half a length of defeating the leading American, Fran Reininger, in the Diamond Sculls at Henley Royal Regat-ta vesterday, Walters, a rising name in British sculling. stirred the crowd by leading Reininger, the 1985 Oxford stroke, to the Barrier.

The lighter American then passed Walters before Fawley but was warned for his steering at both Remenham and the mile and the eighth. Spurred on by the acclaim from the enclosures, Walters made a final effort and, with Reininger again being warned, just failed at the line. Walters, a former Britain

junior, said he was surprised to take an early lead and tried to increase it rather than settle. "I should have stuck to the race plan," he said.

The overall outcome of the Diamonds remains fascinating. Sebastian Franke, the selected German, was pushed hard by Cal Maclennan, of Leander, and Oleg Kozikov, the leading Russian and spare man for the CIS Olympic team, failed against the "unselected" Peter Anderson. a Dane racing for Queensland, Australia.

A fully-fledged Australian, Paul Reedy, looked ominously calm in defeating Brendan Dolan, of Ireland, in a good

London RC again produced a fast time in the Thames Cup eights in a tough battle with Isis, the Oxford development squad Lynton Richmond, Oxford president in 1985 and seventh in the London eight. crabbed the second stroke but the London crew still led by a canvas at the quarter mile. Oxford, stroked by the Boat Race oarsman, Ian Gardiner, but with five novices on board, hung on well, pleasing Steve Royle, their coach, who said:

Some blooding was undertaken by the 1992 Cambridge coach, John Wilson, naradoxically on his own men. It will not be known until next week whether Wilson will continue with Cambridge in 1993, and the Henley draw yesterday unveiled a fascinat-

Britannia Cup

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Double Sculls

Princess Elizabeth

Holders: Eton

Holders: Nottinghamshire County

ing Wyfold fours race between Nottingham County, stroked by Wilson, and Goldie.

The Goldie crew included the 1991, 1992 and 1993 Cambridge presidents -Richard Staite, Max Justicz and James Behrens - with the German, Dirk Bangert, also

Goldie were leading by a length at Fawley before Wil-son stirred his neater Nottingham crew to life, drew the students back to just half a length lead at the beginning of the Enclosures and broke them completely to win by one-and-a-half lengths.

Consolation came for the Light Blue camp with an impressive initial appearance of their Thames Cup eight.

The Princess Elizabeth Cup

again produced some of the finest racing of the day and ended with the exit of Eton, holders for the last two years. Eton's conquerors were Shiplake, who have been hovering in the wings with fate against them in their first year under their young coach.

Eton led off the start but Shiplake were a canvas faster to the Barrier. Eton then pushed continually but Shiplake, with a one-and-ahalf stone per man advantage, and the heaviest Henley schoolboy ever, Caspar Ouvaroff, at 16st 9lb, in the five seat, did not crack and won by half a length.

The Shiplake headmaster, Nick Bevan, an Oxford Blue in 1963, watched the contest avidly from the launch. The prospect now looms of a possible race with Westminster on Saturday, a school where he was rowing master in the past and whose first eight again produced a magnificent row against heavier opponents, King's School, Canterbury, yesterday. Westminster led throughout but the extent of King's pressure was shown by the fact that Westminster were only one

second off the record. Westminster's faster time was achieved in the morning with a stronger tail wind. In the same session, the Durham University four beat the Visitors' record just after breakfast.

*** YESTERDAYS/RESULASFIXOR/ENLEY

K M Bowles and S M Gawthrop (Rob Roy) bt J M Campbell and R L Moynahan (Mosman and Leichhardt, Aus), easily, 7:27 D Kruyswyk and P Wiltenburg (Skadi, Holf) bt P O Dalfmann and J F Rusbjerg (Odense, Dan), easily, 7:33 C J Skuse and R C Luke (Learder) bt G A Armand and C B Pearson (Oueens-land, Aus), 2% 1, 7:29

University of London bt Cincinneti (US), 1%1, 6:32 White Rose bt Ouinan, %1, 6:31 Bedford A bt Sons of the Tharnes, 1%1,

6:34
Yals (US) bt Newark, KJ, 6:35
Bedford B bt Walton, 1%4, 6:28
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1%1, 6:37
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Calgary (Can) bt Cambridge University Lightweights, 31/1, 5.29

Lightweights, 314, 6.29 Lea bt Agecroft B, 214, 6.40 Rob Roy bt Syracuse University (US), 14, 6.25

Goldie bt Nottingham and Union, 241,

O.250 Oxford University Lightweights bt Cher-well, 21, 6 42 Cornell University (US) bt Thames, 1/41, 6 31

Holders: S G Redgrave and M C Pinsen (Leander)

NJ Clamy and DR Gillard (Goldie) bt LJ Fletcher and BD Crawford (Tharnes), 3%, 7:33

Silver Goblets

First round

Thames Cup

Holders: University of Pennsylvania

Second round

M C H Williams and M B D Heim (Upper Thames and London) bt J Billowes and W Holford (Agecroft), 4%1, 7:38
J S Pew and D Smith (US) bt G D Gate and S A Wilson (Vesta), 1½1, 7:43
G G Faultiess and H D F Hatton (University of London Tyrian) bt A J Kuropatwa and J W Flooks (Peterhouse and Downing, Cambridge), 11, 7:52
P P Ashley-Carter and A P Murray (Leander) bt I W Hopkins and M S Chmiel (Indeway Scullers School), 13:1, 7:44

1 141, 7:44

J M Michelisianos and R P Metcait (Lea)
bt P A Murray and M G Murray
(Cappoquin, Ire), 4%1, 7:59

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P L Andersen (Aust) bt O Kozikov (C/S).
2/sl, 7:58
7 J Murphy (Can) bt G R Costa (SA), 11,
8:18

7 J Murphy (Can) Dt G H Loste (SA), 11, 8.18 S Franke (Ger) bt C A Maclennan (Lagnder), 34, 7-50 F M Reininger (Fairmount, US) bt G D P Walters (Tidewey Scullers), 34, 7:57 R M W Williams (London) bt W Fozzard (United World College, Sing), easily, 8:13 P Reedy (Melbourne University, Aus) bt B P Dolan (Naptune, Ins), 23, 7:58

Holdens: Nauthus RC First round Neptune (tre) bt Derby, 1%1, 7.05 Nottrophamshire County 8 bt Bradland-on-Avon, 41, 7:17 Auriol Kensington bt Pengwern, 21, 7:02 Nottinghamshire County A bt Goldle, 1%1, 8:49

bly stronger than the one that

won the title four years ago. It

includes the Manawatu tight-

head prop. Mana Otai, one of

the survivors from the 1988

Diamond Sculls

Holder: W Van Belleghem

Wyfold Cup



Painful halt: Belmont Abbey School after their Visitors' Challenge Cup race

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Lentini's move sparks trouble at Torino

POLICE fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of Torino supporters who laid siege to the club headquarters in Turin on Wednesday night. They were protesting at the transfer of the forward, Gianluigi Lentini, to AC Milan.

Windows were broken, rubbish bins set on fire and one policeman was taken to hospital with head injuries. Earlier, several dozen supporters had jostled and jeered Lentini, aged 23, as he left a news

agency office in the city. Silvio Berlusconi, the millionaire owner of Milan, denied that he paid more than £10 million to Torino in a four-year package worth a massive £19 million. "It was much, much less," he said, without elaborating. In Argentina, Diego

Oscar Ruggeri, captain of the national side, said: "Diego represents joy on the playing field and, if he comes back, the captaincy is his." Maradona, aged 31, has said he would not return to the

cocaine use ended and officials and players said he would

be welcome to play again. "If

he decides to return to football,

I'll open the box and give him

the captain's emblem," Julio

Grondona, president of the

Argentine Football Associ-

ation. said.

national team or to Italian football but would like to play again for Boca Juniors. His image may have been damaged worldwide but not at home. "Diego has to return to shut all their mouths," a toy

store owner said. "He's the Beethoven football." (Agencies)

RUGBY UNION

Maradona's suspension for

New Zealand open account

This time. Otai is playing alongside several highly rated provincial players. Among NEW Zealand, the world champions, began the defence of their title with a 22-10 victory over an ambitious yet limited Romania side in the student World Cup in Italy. The New Zealand coach, Jock Hobbs, the former All Black captain, was satisfied with the win in Catania, Sicily, but felt that his players will need to improve in key areas if they are to retain the trophy. New Zealand have taken a powerful squad to the tournament, which is proba-

erston North and Auckland scrum half, is another experienced member of the squad. Strong though the New Zealand Universities line-up is, it would have been more powerful still had three students touring Australia with the All Blacks, John Timu, Aaran Pene and Mark Ellis,

but Romania, on the evidence of a creditable opening performance, could upset their plans. There are six full internationals in the Romania team, which is captained by Neculai Nichitean, the stand-off half who played in FOOTBALL

Platini's reign comes to an end

FRANCE gained the 1998 World Cup finals but lost a manager yesterday. Minutes after Fifa confirmed in Zurich that the French had beaten off Morocco's bid to be the first African hosts of the finals. Michel Platini confirmed that he was standing down following France's poor display in the European championship

last month.

Platini, aged 37, who accepted the post with reluctance in 1988, had previously hintin 1988, nad previously himed that he might resign after
criticism over the performances in Sweden. He is
expected to be given the job of
organising the finals.

"I had made up my mind
some time ago," Platini said.
"I am correct to breach this person.

"I am sorry to break this news when we are celebrating." France, having become the first team to qualify for the European finals with a 100 per cent record, failed to win

in Sweden and were criticised

for negative tactics. Fifa's decision came as no surprise after France had struck a deal with England, who took the 1996 European championship in return for withdrawing a counter bid.

Switzerland were never in with a chance once Fifa had banned temporary stands fol-lowing the disaster in Corsica in May. France staged the European championships in 1984 and hosted the World Cup finals in 1938.

Moroccan officials were unhappy that the vote had gone against them 12-7. "Africa deserved its chance and we are disappointed that the European-American monopoly has again been confirmed," Rachidi Alami, president of the Moroccan Olympic com-mittee, said. "It is an injustice for Africa and the Arab countries.

The 1998 finals will be played in 13 cities and a new national stadium, to seat 80,000, will be built 35 miles outside Paris.

New stadiums will also be built in Paris, Nancy, Nice and Rouen. Marseilles' decay-ing Velodrome stadium will be renovated. (Agencies)

1996 FINALS VEHUES: Group A: Pari (new stadium), Rouen or Lens. Group E Strasbourg or Nancy, Paris (Pare de

☐ Germany have been fined £3,000 by Uefa for having five players booked during their 2-0 defeat by Denmark in the European championship final in Gothenburg last week.

☐ Dave Sexton, the former manager of Chelsea, Queen's Park Rangers and Coventry City, has joined Aston Villa as club coach.

□ Eleven Premier League clubs have benefited from a

£2.53 million grant from the Football Trust. Leeds United and Aston Villa received the maximum grant of £250,000.

Clarke is one shot from place in Tour record books

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

DARREN Clarke yesterday scored 60 in the second round of the Monte Carlo Open here on the Mont Agel course. Clarke's frustration at so narrowly falling to become the first golfer to break the magi-cal 60 barrier in a PGA European Tour event was tempered by the knowledge that he has a lead of five strokes at the halfway stage and is ahead of Ian Woosnam. who shot a 65, and Paul

McGinley, a 66. In fact, Ken Brown, Clarke's In fact, ken Brown, Clarke's marker, genuinely believed that his playing partner bad made history. "I make that 59," Brown, back in the recorder's tent, said. Clarke, an indomitable Irishman, re-

plied: "I wish it was!"

If it had been, Clarke would have also earned £14,000 from Johnnie Walker for a course record. Woosnam had a 60 on the Mont Agel course in 1990, when he became the third player in Europe to

register such a score.
Clarke had two halves of 30 on his way to a halfway score of 126, equalling the tour record for the first 36 holes.
But he did not even break his But he did not even break his own record for nine holes because he scored 28 for the outward half in the third round here last year. On that occasion, he fell away, finishing fourteenth, but he has travelled far in the last twelve

The reason for Clarke's improvement can be put down to experience and to Bob Torrance. Clarke stands more than 6ft 2in tall, weighs 15st 7lb and gained a liking dur-ing his amateur days, when he won both the Irish and Span-ish titles, for giving the ball a healthy rip. Torrance, father

of Sam, the Ryder Cup player urged Clarke to harness his

power in favour of accuracy. Clarke is also being guided off the fairways by Andrew Chandler, his manager, and on them by Martin Rowley. honorary secretary of the European Tour Caddies'

Clarke appeared unim-pressed by Rowley's decision to hand him a six-iron at the 2nd. He had already played nine holes in 30, having started from the 10th, and Clarke was convinced his ball had gone over the green at the 2nd. On walking forwards, he saw it was eight feet from the hole, heaved a sigh of relief and coaxed it in for his sixth birdie in eight holes. He needed four more birdies in the next seven holes for a 59

but could manage only three. Woosnam, seeking a third successive win here, made six birdies, the same as McGinley, who chipped in from 20 feet at the 3rd.

TEADING EARLY SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated) 128: D Clarke, 65, 60, 131: I Wossnam, 66, 65, P McGhiley, 65, 66, 133: R Gonzalez (Aug.), 77, 62; PU Johnstson (Swe), 66, 65. P Mitchell, 68, 65, P Sprinc (Aug.), 67, 68: E Rometo (Aug.), 67, 68: 68. 138: R Downs (Aug.), 67, 68: R Downs

POLO

Bears hold on to inflict rare defeat on Ellerston

IN ONE of the most brilliant their stride. The ponies high-goal demonstrations brought on by Gonzalo Pieres seen this season, the Black and Bautisto Heguy seemed to Bears defeated Kerry Packer's seemingly invincible Ellerston White 10-9 in a British Open League match at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday (John Watson writes).

Despite the open conditions of the tournament, the Bears began one goal up on handicap, Ellerston's Henry Brett having been elevated since the entries closed. With the Merios brothers, Pite and Sebastian, proving a formidable partnership, they in-creased they lead to 5-1 before the end of the first chukka.

However, Ellerston White are often a little slow to get into

become faster with each sucfifth, they levelled at 8-8.

The final chukka was fraught with tension. After Pite Medos put the Bears into the lead again, with one goal from the open and another from a penalty conversion, Ellerston closed the deficit to one with an accurate swipe from a goalmouth melée. But they had delayed their recovery a little too long.

Nicholson relishes exciting move to dream new yard

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

IN THE romantic world of jump racing, what could be more apt? The "Duke" is moving to a castle that is to be graced by a princess.
The story smacks of Hans

Christian Andersen but fact is often stranger than fiction and, for David Nicholson. this is a fairytale come true. Nicholson, known universally as "The Duke", leaves Condicate, home for the past 30 years, in a few weeks time for a new purpose-built

training complex most han-dlers can only dream about. Jackdaws Castle, the site of an old quarry, is four miles down the road on the edge of Ford, a peaceful Cotswold village nestling comfortably

between Stow-on-the-Wold and Tewkesbury.

During a pub lunch three years ago. Colin Smith, whose breeding interests include Teenoso and Ardross, asked Nicholson if it would be possible to build gallops on his land.

Nicholson said yes. Six gallops - three turf, three all-weather - were laid last December and the builders moved in to start work A new 80-box yard, a hostel for 25 lads, a house designed by Nicholson's wife, Dinah, and homes for the head lad, travelling head lad and assistant trainer — all built with traditional Cotswold stoneshould be completed next month and officially opened next autumn by the Princess

Yesterday, Nicholson gave me a tour of Jackdaws Castle and spoke of his.

hopes for Carobee and plans to have up to 25 Flat horses. The all-weather gallops were used last season when Nicholson had his most successful year in teams of prize-money. His 63 winners was just below his best tally of 67

Two of the turf and aliweather gallops climb gradu-ally before finishing with a stiff hill, which makes the finish at Cheitenham look gentle by comparison. A computer operated pop up watering system, fed by a 900ft deep hore and reservoir, line five of the gallops.
Three separate schooling grounds are next to a jump ing paddock Two adjoining but sepa-rate yards will be comple-

in 1982.

mented by a vet's box, two tack rooms, a blacksmith shop and an indoor school and horse walker, and a feed room with state-of-the-art machinery.



Nicholson: new challenge

Nothing has been left to chance. Each box has infrared lamps and cat-flaps have even been inserted in the vet's box and feed house to enable the eight stable cats

Discussing his new op-tions. Nicholson said: "I would like to train a few on the Flat. It would be nice to have a ratio of 25 Flat horses

to 55 jumpers.

"Another big plus is the whole place being self-contained. We don't have to cross roads and tracks. Nowadays, they get busier by the day and more slippery. When they used to go out for exercise, I was pleased if they came back in one piece.

"The gallops have got tremendous potential. In Condicote, we have got only one all-weather gallop and, basically, a ten-furlong grass gallop."

Looking shead to the forthcoming season he relected: "Carobee, who I see is third favourite for the Champion Hurdle, never stopped improving. He won at Leicester and Worcester before defeating a good field doing hand springs at Chepstow. He ran at Liverpool in the Seagram Top Novice Hurdle on ground plenty quick enough for him

but went well.

Carobee will run in fourand five-year-old condition
mees followed, pessibly, by
fine Bula Hurdle at Chelten-

ham. "If that went according to plan, the Champion Hurdle will have to be a serious possibility," Nicholson said,

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By Chris Thau

them are his Manawatu colleagues, Lee Stensness, who is expected to join the squad early next week, John Alston, Dean Coleman and the centre and captain, Steven Cottrell, all students at Massey Univer-sity. Jason Hewett, the Palm-

Wales must win twice to make sure of a place in the last eight. For their first game, against Holland, they have selected Luc Evans, the international, and Ian Jones, of Lianelli, but the Newport loose-head prop, Mark Davis, has been kept on the bench by his captain, Ian Buckett. Wales should beat Holland

the World Cup.
RESULTS: Group 8: France 57, Spain 3.
Group C: England 91, Talwan 8. Group D:
New Zealand 22, Romana 10.

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Steerforth to end drought

STEERFORTH can give Alec Stewart his fifth winner, of the season and end a drought of nine weeks, since looked in danger of defeat Carlotte Called he last tasted victory, in the when slamming Friedland Royal Hong Kong Jockey and the useful Aimaam. On Club Handicap at Sandown that occasion they were both Park today.

Lightly raced, the four-year-old showed plenty of promise on his only outing this season when seventh behind Pay Homage over to-day's course and distance. h Also running in that handi-cap was Marine Diver, beat-he en a length in second, whom he meets on 8lb better terms for a five-length bearing.

Marine Diver upheld the form in fine style when successful next time out in a competitive handicap at Haydock.

Haydock.

But it was the performance that Steerforth put up at Newmarker last season, which suggests that he has the ability to take this ex-tremely open handicap. At Newmarket, he never

receiving considerable amounts of weight.

Today, the dangers are numerous. Charlo, the favourite since bookmakers advertised prices last Sunday, has to be respected after his impressive five length victory over Fire Top at Ascot. Fire Top has 2lb to find today.

Dermot Weld's decision to

send over Lifewatch Vision, formerly trained here, commands respect. Despite his welter-weight of nine stone 12lb, the five-year-old showed he is in excellent form after winning at Fairyhouse. Last season, he also dis-

played outstanding form when third, beaten 34 lengths, by Rudimentary at Newmarket in a listed race. Mick Channon, who land-

ed the Hong Kong Handicap last season, can strike with Marchwell Lad in the Wharf Dragon Stakes. At Goodwood, on his only outing to date, the colt comfort-

ably beat his 16 opponents. The form of that Goodwood race has worked out well, the fourth, Polar Storm, won her next race. Today, Joyofracing, a com-fortable winner last time out



Stewart: hoping for Sandown victory

at Windsor, appears to be the biggest danger, but I feel the selection has scope for further improvement.

Trumpet is napped to return to form in the Year Of The Monkey Claiming Stakes. At Royal Ascot, the Queen's colt was far from disgraced when sixth behind Source Of Light in the King George V Handicap.

Prior to that he beat Mohana in a well-contested claimer at Newbury. Michael Stoute, not

renowed for runners in these events, is represented by Drought and Lifford. However, I sight Moor Lodge, an impressive winner of a handicap at Beverley on his penultimate outing, as the

Blinkered first time HAYDOCK: 3.20 Stacleton. 4.25 Our Mica, Canazes SANDOWN: 3.10 Gynacrak Prematers 3.45 Youstoffs. SOUTHWELL: 2.20 Canasn Valley 3.30 Fairford. 4.00 Linge: Express, Sweet Noble, Mayor Risk.

Arcangues attracts support

ARCANGUÉS, the only challenger from France, was backed to win tomorrow's Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park

The Andre Fabre-trained colt, who will be ridden by Thierry Jarnet, finished a neck behind Zoman in the Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp last month.

William Hill yesterday reduced Arcangues from 12-1 to 9-1 with Zoman, now almost certain to run. Coral shortened him to 10-1 (from 12-1). Kooyonga remains the

5-2 favourite with both firms. The Irish-trained filly will stretch her legs at Sandown today."It is just a routine exercise on the track not a gallop as some people having been billing," said Michael Kauntze. "Like she did before running at Ascot."

Nicholson moves, page 34

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BEVERLEY

MANDARIN 6.45 Classic Story, 7.10 Big Pat. 7.35 Ajo. 8.05 Iota. 8.35 Futurballa, 9.05 Elegant Touch.

THUNDERER 6.45 Classic Story, 7.10 Big Pat. 7.35 Wesnam. 8.05 lota. 5.35 Futurballa, 9.05 Who's Tel.

Our Newmarker Correspondent: 6.45 Classic Story. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD PATCHES) DRAW 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 BOOTHFERRY PARK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-C: £1.548: 51) (7 runners)

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B MANSOOREE 7 A Scott 90
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7.10 POCKLINGTON SELLING HANDICAP

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8.05 NORWOOD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O-£1,478-1m 3f 216yd) (4) 4-5 lota 9-4 Majaam, 3-1 Actoy, 12-1 Kalalio

8.35 JACKSONS CATERING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2.343: 7f 100yd) (\$) 1 1 FUTURBALLA 21 (F) J Durslop 9-1 W Cerson 2 2 0 YORKSHIRE ROCK 38 M H Easterby 8-11 M Birch 3 3 RED CENT J Ethernigton 8-9 T Lucas 1 1-4 Futurballa - 4-1 Yorkstare Rock , 12-1 Red Cent

9.05 CRAVEN PARK HANDICAP

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS. H Cocd. 18 winners from 36 runners, 47 4%. A Scott, 6 from 17, 35.3%. P Cole, 7 from 21, 33.3%. H Thomson Jones, 6 from 20, 30 0% M Stoute, 13 from 50, 26 0%, P Catver 4 from 22, 18.2%. JOCKEYS: L Detton, 9 wanners from 27 rides, 33 3%, T Casin, 8 from 32 25,0%, 8 Raymond, 13 from 76, 17 1% R Hills, 7 from 42, 16 7%, K Darley, 26 from 181, 14 4%, W Carson, 4 from 29, 13 8%

Central City finished second in the Group Three Prix de Ris-Orangis over six furlongs at Evry vesterday. The Richard Hannon-trained filly was beaten a length and a half by Andre Fabre's Wedding Of The Sea. Amigo Menor. the other English challenger, finished eighth.

SANDOUR PAIK

MANDARIN 2.00 Half A Dozen 3.45 Storm Dove.

THUNDERER 2.00 Actinella. 2.35 Marchwell Lad. 3.10 Charlo. 3.45 SEBOSAN (nap).

RICHARD EVANS 3.10 CHARLO (nap). 3.45 Storm Dove.

n.4.15 invigilate. 4.15 Hi-Tech Honda. 4.50 TRUMPET (nap). 4.50 Cool Society. G. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 JOYOFRACING (nap). 3.10 Charlo. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 CHARLO.

GOING: ROUND COURSE - GOOD TO FIRM; STRAIGHT COURSE - GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 SHA TIN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O SHIES: \$2,532: 7f 16yd) (12 runners)

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BETTING: 7-2 Helf A Dozen, 5-1 Where's The Dance, 6-1 Actinate, Don't Forget Marie, 7-1 Olympic Run, 8-1 East Liberty, 16-1 Beyond The Limit, 20-1 Diagonment, Polly Leach, 25-1 offices, 1981: SARATOGA SOURCE 8-11 R Cochrane (5-2 thv) I Balding 7 ran FORM FOCUS

ACTINELLA 4½ 5th of 9 to Lacerta in Newbury (6f, pool) maiden. DON'T FORGET MARIE (Foaled Apr. 10) half-sister by Don't Forget Me to several winners abroad: EAST LIBERTY (Apr. 15) by Help, shat toul of a dam who stayed in 2f.

HALF A DOZEN (Feb 12, cost \$55,599) by Seratoga

2.35 WHARF DRAGON STAKES (Listed race: 2.Y-O: 26,872: 5f Gyd) (6 runners)

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T-JOYOFRACING best TRUE PRECISION (same | ZUNO WARRIOR Asiet) Cheeds in 14-numer (lemms) jul in 11-runner Windspr (56, good to firm) | Wenvelck (51, good to soft) maiden. MARINA PARK | States at Royal Ascot (67, good to firm). | Till-runner Goodwood (68, good to firm) maiden. | Selection: MARINA PARK

03.10 ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP TROPHY 97(£50,770: 1m 2f 7yd) (22 runners)

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6-12

BETTING: 7-2 Charlo, 8-1 Gymcrak Premiere, 10-1 Streptor, 12-1 Montpeller Boy, 14-1 Fire Top, Green's Feineley. Steerforth, 15-1 Bayatreg, Congress, 20-1 Literatich Vision, Rose Alto, Visroot, 25-1 others, 1991; YOU KNOW THE RULES 4-7-12 C Righter (14-1)-M Changon 21 rap

FORM FOCUS

Richard Evans: 3.20 Opera

LINPAC WEST belt Rings head in 15-runner York | Deck in 8-runner Redear Him 2, good to firm) trends | Lim 41, good in smillicap. CHARLO best FIRE TOP | Cap. GILDERDALE 1M 3rd of 8 to Akkazzo in Scurner Charles | Lim 42 cap. GILDERDALE 1M 3rd of 8 to Akkazzo in Handicap here (1m, firm) ROYAL SEATON best Big Easy 13t in 7-pares Epson (1m 21, good to soil). Handicap with MARINE-DIVER (15) worse off) 61 Sith, PELORUE 11th and ROSEATE LODGE 38th String on the Line 13 sity 1, good to 18m). BAYAIREE Sist 4th of 19 to Source Of Light in Ascot (1m 41, good to 18m) handicap.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER MANDARIN 11.3 2.15 Garrien District. Gbost 2.15 Garden District. 2.15 Games District.
2.45 Hairraising.
3.20 Opera Ghost.
3.55 Profilic.
4.25 Arkendale Diamond. 3.20 Inan. 3.55 Dominuet. 4.25 Our Mica. 4.55 Majira. 4.55 Agincourt Sorig. GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 FRED ARCHER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,002: 2m 45yd) (4 numers)

2.45 PETER WALKER BREWERY CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O; £2,206; 6f) (6 nunners)

1 (1) 561 TRENTESIMO 9 (F) (8 Allen) J Barry 8-10 ... J Carroll 94
2 (3) 36 THE INSTITUTE BOY 20 (M Berrow) K Burke 8-8 ... A Shoulds 87
3 (6) 40 MASTER SINCLAIR 7 (Sinchlar Developments Limited) R Hollinsheed 8-4 W Ryan 86
4 (4) 0 SIMPLY A STAR 14 (F Savil) M W Easterby 8-4 ... K Durley W Carson 9-99
5 (2) 4 HARRASING 83 (G Beeby) N Callaghan 8-1 ... W Carson 9-99
6 (5) 61 SIMPLY AMISS 13 (D.F) (N Greig) M Prescott 8-1 ... G Duffield 90 BETTING: 9-4 Simply Ames, 11-4 Trentesimo, 7-2 Herreseng, 5-1 The institute Boy, 6-1 Mester Sincleir, 16-1 Shophy A Star.

1991: X MY HEART 8-3 S Withworth (9-2) R Hannon 7 ren

3.20 JOHNNY OSBORNE HANDICAP (£3,289: 1m St 200yd) (4 runners)

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3.45 CAPITAL CITYBUS HANDICAP TROPHY (3-Y-O: £7,262: 7f 16yd) (14 runners)

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401 (8) 6133-21 STORM DOVE 6 (D.F.G) (K Abdulla) R Charllon 9-10 (6ex) ... Pat Eddery 402 (12) 021350 MASTER PLANNER 14 (F.G) (R Cyze) C Cyzer 97 ... T McLaughlin (7) 403 (5) 213-200 SPANISH MINER 39 (D) (A Page-Woot) A Scott 93 ... B Raymond 404 (10) 51-0402 YOUSEFIA 16 (V.F) (Maktoum Al Maltoum) M Stoute 93 ... W R Swintburn 405 (B) 40-1625 REGAL RACER 9 (S) (L Smith) D Elsworth 92 ... S Causthen 405 (2) 15-4050 MERLINS WISH 14 (F) (L JEZZER) R Harrison 90 ... M J Kinane (407 (1) 13040-0 CO-CHIN 8 (D.S) (T Photips) G Lewis 90 ... M J Kinane (408 (7) 024135 EURO FESTIVAL 21 (CD.F) (C Pice) Mass L Suddall 8-12 ... R Cochrane 409 (13) 10-6343 TATE DANCER 7 (G) (R Arcustin R Amistiong 8-10 ... J Ho 410 (4) 220-422 NOBILE PET 29 (A Schitt) P Masun 88 ... T Quinn 411 (3) 00-2851 SEBOSAN 10 (B.D.F.G) (High Point Bloodstock Lid) S Woods 86 (6ex) W Woods 412 (9) 0-23 LADY ROXANNE 23 (BF) (Lord Huntingdon) Lord Huntingdon 8-4 D Marrison (5) 413 (11) 0-09061 LER CRU 7 (D.F.) (Min C Brittain) C Brittain 8-0 (6ex) ... M Roberts 414 (14) 000-006 TRIPLE TROUBLE 9 (N Elches) H Collingridge 7-7 ... J Quinn Lord Huntingdon C Triple Travible 5-6

Long handicap: Triple Trouble \$-6 BETTING: 9-4 Storm Dove, 8-1 Ler Cru, Merim's Wish, Sebosan, 10-1 Noble Pet, Youselia, 14-1 E Ledy Rovenne, Regal Recer, 16-1 Master Plantier, Tale Dancer, 20-1 Spanish Miner, 33-1 others 1991: BLUE AEROPLANE 9-7 T Quinn (7-1) P Cole 13 IBN

FORM FOCUS

STORM DOVE beat La Dama Borsta 31:1 in 5-runner Lingfield (71, good to firm) handloap. MASTER PLANNER 81:1 14th of 23 to Red Rosein in Ascot (61 good to firm) handloap. SANISH MINER short head 2nd of 15 to Beware Ot Agents in Newmarket (71, good to firm) handloap in April with YOUSEFIA (2b worse off) 111 12th. YOUSEFIA head 2nd of 7 to Major Mouse in Rigon (1nn, firm) handloap. EURO FESTIVAL 55 5th of 8 to Owner's Dream in York (71, firm) handloap. TATE DANCER 51:1 3nd of 12 to Jakti in Newmarket (71,

good to firm) handscap NOBLE PET 1/1 2nd of 8 to Emaristo in Epsom (7), good) handscap with EURO FESTIVAL (3tb better off) 31/4 3rd, TATE DANCER (same terms) 4/4 4th and MERLINS WISH (9tb better off) 11 5th.
SEBOSAN beat Annabelle Royale 11/2 in 7-runner varmouth (7), good to firm) handscap LADY ROXANNE 4/4 3rd of 1/4 to Turtle Beach in Southwell (7), AW) medien, LER CRU beat Premier Prince 21/2 in 7-runner Lingfield (7) 140yd, good to firm) handscap. Selection: STORM DOVE

4.15 SINO GROUP HANDICAP TROPHY (3-Y-O: £6,872: 5f 6yd) (8 runners)

TNG: 5-1 Boden, Hi-Tech Honda, Inherent Megic, Invigitate, 6-1 Hot Lavender, Wild Honour, 7-1 Ned 12, 16-1 Lady Sabo.

1991: MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 7-3 B Doyle (12-1) M Channon 11 ran **FORM FOCUS**

NED'S BONANZA best HI-TECH-HONDA (5b better off) head in 7-runner Doncaster (5f, firm) handicap, BODARI best INHERENT MAGIC (5b better off) 314 5th.

LADY SABO best Orchard Bey ¼l in 3-runner Bath (5f 15tyd, hard) clasmer.

Handicap with HOT LAVENDER (5b better off) head 3rd and WILD HONOUR (5b better off) short least 3rd and WILD HONOUR (5b better off) short least 3rd and WILD HONOUR (5b better off) short least 3rd and WILD HONOUR (5b better off) 374 5th.

LADY SABO best Orchard Bey ¼l in 3-runner Bath (5f 15tyd, hard) clasmer.

HOT LAVENDER next 2rd of 10 to Desert Dagger in Bath (5f, firm) meiden in May, INVIGILATE best Don't Run Má Over ¼l in 6-runner Catterick (6f, good to firm) handicap.

Selection: INHERENT MAGIC

4.50 YEAR OF THE MONKEY CLAIM (3-Y-O: £2,819; 1m 3f 91yd) (14 runners)

-SETTING: 3-1 Trumpet, 9-2 Nothing Doing, 8-1 Meshakel, Moor Lodge, 8-1 King Of Normandy, 10-1 Cool Society, Plan Ahead, 12-1 Droughi Liftord, 16-1 Super Beauty, 20-1 others 1991: BEEBOB 7-10 C Rutter (7-4 tav) J Scargill 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRUMPET 74(6th of 19 to Source Of Light in Ascol (Im 41, good to firm) handicap. MOOR LODGE beet Reach For Glory 2½ In 9-numer Beverley (Im 41, promise) in Goodwood (Im 41, good to firm) claimer handicap. Previously 44 2nd of 7 to Misty View in claimer here (Im 21, firm) with KING OF NORMANDY 24: 4th of 6 to Baby Wizzard in Goodwood (Im 41, good to firm) claimer hosting-fram (Im 21, good to firm) claimer. NOTHING DO AthNG 31 2nd of 17 to Bowden Boy in Newmerket (Im 25, firm) handicap.

TRAINERS

W O'Gormen
M Neughton
W Muir
M H Easterby
Lord Huntingdon
J Gosden

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS 3-1 chance with Ladbrokes.

☐ Shalford, the colt who has shartered the track record on his last two outings, was made the 5-2 favourite for next Thursday's July Cup. Richard Hannon's four-year-old is just preferred to last season's champi-on sprinter Sheikh Albadou, who is a likely to run.

Shalford's stablemate Mr Brooks, half a length behind Sheikh Albadov. at Ascot as well as the King's Stand third and fourth, Elbio and Wolfhound, who finished best of all, are

3.55 KNIGHTON GROUP HANDICAP (\$2,976: 6f) (5 runners)

BETTING: 64 Massibs. 3-1 Dominuet, 7-2 Gienetal Princess. 11-2 Profilic, 8-1 Sully's Choice. 1991: FINJAN 4-9-9 A Munro (2-1 fav) P Walsryn 7 ran

4.25 FRANK WOOTTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O; \$2,167:51) (7 runners)

BETTING: 6-5 Arkendale Diemond, 5-2 Our Mica, 11-4 Pretzel, 5-1 Dead Calm, 12-1 Bold Philip, 16-1 others 1991: PREMIER ENVELOPE 8-11 Kim Tinkler (6-1) N Tinkler 9 ram

4.55 STEVE DONOGHUE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,385- 1m 30yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: 11-10 Agincourt Song. 5-2 Majira, 4-1 Manualle, 6-1 Be My Everything, 16-1 Hot Prospect

1991: KINEMATIC 9-0 W R Swinburn (9-2) J Gosden 7 ran COURSE SPECIALISTS

Winners Rumers Percent JOÇKEYS TRAINERS 23.3 W Carson 22.7 W Ryan 18.4 D Nichola 15.4 R Lappa 15.0 K Darley 13.0 N Day 39 22 67 78 40 23

SOUTHWELL

2.30 Canaan Valley, 3.00 Girl At The Gate, 3.30 Grubby, 4.00 Speedo Movement, 4.30 Sure Risk, 5.00 Nellie Dean, 5.30 Arc Lamp. 2.30 Sandmoor Denim. 3.00 Fanfan. 3.30 Giddy

Heights 4.00 Firelighter, 4.30 Sure Risk, 5.00 Nellie Dean, 5.30 Arc Lamp. GOING. STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY PLC HANDICAP (£2.598: 1m) (14 runners)

1 G-40 CANAAR VALLEY 18 (B.G) Jeremy Fitzgerald 4-9-11

9 JOB NO DECISION 89 (CD) M W Easterby 58-8.... 10 004- L'AMOUR PRECIEUX 312 M W Easterby 38-6

5-1 Sandmook Denim, 6-1 Red Kits, 7-1 Turtle Beach, Hawai Storm, 8-1 Hubber's Favourile, 10-1 Canazan Valley, 12-1 others 3.00 SILVER BIRCH CLAIMING STAKES (£2,480:7f) (13)

4-1 Fentan, 5-1 Matthew David, 7-1 Girl At The Gate, Lady, 8-1 Fayre Find, 10-1 Awesome Risk, 12-1 others.

3.30 POWERMAX MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £2,186: 7f) (9)

4.00 PROVIDENT MUTUAL HANDICAP

(£2.363. 1m 4f) (12) 1 0114 FIREFIGHTER 21 (D,BF,G,S) R Hollmehead 9-7 1 014 FIREPIGNTER 21 (D.BF.G.S.S) R Poleetiness 9.7
R Hills 2
2 004 SPEEDO MOVEMENT 278 MCMarkerin 9.7 S S Medicar (7) 12
3 0340 LINPAC EXPRESS 25 (8) C W C Basy 9.6 W Newvers 7
4 3342 SAIF AL ADIL 7 B Hambury 9.5 G Beacter 5
5 1660 MSS HYDE 4 (V.P.) Clover 9.2 J Fortune 8
6 03-6 SWEET NOBLE 45 (E) Jimmy Fizzgeald 9.2 W Hard (7) 10
7 3053 HOLLY WANDERER 13 D Arbuthrol 9.1 R Price (5) 11
8 5050 MAJOR RISK 35 (8) P McMessey 9.33 A MGGone 3
9 3042 WITCHES COVEN 7 M Bel 9.11 P Turner (7) 4
10 00-0 CRILL WIND 28 N Bycart 6.11 S Websier 1
1 505 ALTO 13 (8,6) Limmy Fizzgeald 84 S Websier 1
10 00-0 SUPER CHARGE 14 (8) M Electy 7-13 P Buris 6
12 00-0 SUPER CHARGE 14 (8) M Electy 7-13 P Buris 6

4.30 EBF SYCAMORE MAIDEN STAKES

3-1 Frelighter, 6-1 Saif Al Adil, Witches Coven, 8-1 Speeda Movement, 10-1 Holy Wanderer, 12-1 Mass Hyde, 14-1 others

(£2,245.5f) (11) 1 0 BADENOCH BURNER 105N Tinkler 9-0 7-4 Sure Risk, 7-2 Miss Whittingham, 5-1 Benzoe, 8-1 Petered Out, 10-1 Cornet Whiripool, Meadmore Magic, 12-1 others.

5.00 POWERMAX MAIDEN STAKES

(Div II: £2,167: 7f) (9) 1 0 JUNE'S LEAR FAN 43 P Kalleway 90 ... K Fallon 7
2 -003 MILTON ROOMS 53 (5) C Booth 90 ... G Oldroyd 5
3 4805 NORTH FLYER 9 B McMainton 90 ... S Sanders (7) 3
4 0 LD FOX 14 D Sesse 90 S Sanders (7) 3
5 4552 WHITEHALL 7 C Nelson 90 ... N Adams 2
6 FAUSTNLICE LADY G Harn 8-9 ... A Dicks 6
7 50 MEILLYROUS 13 R Guest 8-9 ... W Newnes 6
8 -000 MISS MOVIE WORLD 15 N Bycroth 8-9. S Webster 1
9 43-2 NEILLE DEAN 28 J Toler 8-9 ... Date Gibbon 4 11-4 Whitehalf, 3-1 Nelise Dean, 9-2 Milton Rooms, 6-1 North Flyer, 8-1 June's Lear Fan, 10-1 Millyrous, 12-1 others.

5.30 ASH APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,167:5f) (9)

.1. ./65 MAKE OR MAR 9 (D.F) B Ellson 8-9-11 O Pears (4) 9
2 05/12 ARC LAMP 8 (CD.F.G.) J Glover 6-9-7 (Feb. S D Willerins 6
5 - 36/31 HEVARY WIDEO 7 (CD.G.S) M Lothrigon 7-9-6 L Newton 7
4 0263 THE SHANAHAN BAY 6 (V.CD.F.S) Miss N Macaulay 7-9-3

5-2 Arc Lamp, 7-2 Hinan Video, 9-2 The Shanahan Bay, 6-1 Morpick, 8-1 Lady's Mantie, 10-1 Miss Brightside, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: C Nelson, 11 wanners from 36 numers, 30 6%; Miss A Whitfield, 3 from 10, 30,0%; B Elison, 3 from 11, 27 3%; T D Berron, S2 from 209, 24 9%, J Serry, 22 from 115, 20,0%; M Prescott, 14 from 76, 18 4%. JOCKEYS: Alax Greeves, 52 wanners from 188 index, 27.7%; T Sprake, 5 from 35, 14,3%; J Fortune, 6 from 54, 11 1%; (Only qualifiers)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Yarmouth

Brighton

2.10 (6I 205yd) 1. WUFUD (W Carson. 10-11 lav). 2. Almansour (Pat Eddery. 6-5). 3. Impair (A Murro. 10-1) ALSO RAÑ. 100 Easy Touch (5th). Pickupedarly-sport (4th): 5ran 11, shind. Bl. Bl. J. Dunfop at Anundet. Tote £2.00. £1 40, £1 10 DF £1 20 CSF £2.21

2.40 (1m 3l 195/d) 1. DR ZEVA (A Tucker 20-1). 2. Banana Cuffinits (P Robusson, 3-1 tev). 3. Romanken (Pat Eddery, 7-1). ALSO RAN 9-2 Cuet Riot, Manaisma. 7 Molly Splash (5th). 9 Head Tumer (5th). 12 Desert Mat (4th). 14 Little Bang, 20 Confound, Solid Steel, 33 Miss Sarahsue. Primera Ballerina, San Roque 14 ran 2, 1-1-1, 34, 24-1, 71 M Ducon at Epsom Tole 517 00, E43 0, 22 20, L2 60 DF £42 10 CSF. £81.51 Tucast £445.90

3.10 (7/ 214/d) 1, OLD COMRADES (1 Rogers, 7-2), 2, Indian Slave (Pal Eddery, 6-4 fav), 3, Diaco (A Mumo, 7-2) ALSO RAN 3 Scuthwood Ar (4th), 25 Hirchin A Ride (5th) 50 Persian Bud (6th) 6 ran 44, 1's), nd, 8) sh hd L Coursell at Cullompton Tote 54 70, 52 20, 51 40 DF 53 90 CSF 59 09

3 40 (1m 1/209yd) 1, SKY TRAIN (A Munro, 10-11 tay), 2, Didy Sergeant (D Biggs, 9-1), 3 Princess Evita (P Robin-son, 33-1) ALSO RAN 11-8 Breusdancer (4th), 50 Prove II's Gold (5th), 5 (sn 41-7), 5, 101, J Durlop at Arundet Tote 51 80, 51 10, 52 10 DF 54 50 CSF 58 03

4.10 (6) 209yd) 1, MONTE BRE IA Munro, 8 11, 2 Shocking Times (4-11, 3, Dodgy IT Ounn 5-2 fav) ALSO RAN 7-2 Lord 1-ecture 9-2 Sea Chur (6th), 10 Great Hall (4th), 12 Lardy Bunting, 25 Nazare Blue (5th) 8 ran 51, 110, 110, 141, 341, 341 Alertursi at Epsom Tote, 17-30, 12-90, 11 30 £1 40 DF £12 00 CSF \$38.83

4 40 (SI 213yd) 1, SHIKARI'S SON (P. Robertson, 7-2) 2, Martinosky (J. Williams, 15-8 fax), 3, Caromish (M. Wigham, 9-2), 4LSO RAN, 7-2 Restrict (401), 5. Tiree Lucky (6th), 8 Judgement Call (5th), 8 ran 13, 2'-1, 2(1-5), 8 J. White at Wendover, 7016; E5-40, E2-00, E1-90, DF, £4-90, CSF, £11-06. Placepot: £6 60.

\$20.09

3.00 (5! 212yd) 1, Wishing Cap (G Duffield, 13-8 fav), 2, Charlies Reward 112-1) 3, General Brooks (6-1) 7 ran Hd. 2-1 M Prescoil 10th £2 70 £1 30, £3 90 DF £13 30 CSF £18 59

3.30 ftm 7! 177yd) 1 Rexy Boy (L Charlock, 11) 1) 2, king William (6-4 fav), 3, Racing Raskal (5-2), 7 ran NR Northants (1, 31x) W Berker Tote £2 40; £2 80 £1 70 DF £7 30, CSF £26.07 Tricast £47 12 WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Epsom 7.35 (1m 2/18yd) 1. Hideyoski (W Carson, 8-11 fav). 2, Let't Ger Lost (7-2), 3, Kungstoko Per (25-1) 7 ran 192, 101, D Elsworth Tote 51 80, 51 30 51 90 DF. 52 80 CSF 53 71 2.05 (61 1. Running Gillenose (M. Roberts, 4-1). 2. Assignment (12-1). 3. Gallant Hope (6-1). Astinna 11-4 tev 7 ran 3/v1, 41. Mays 8 Sanders 7 tets. £4,70, £2 00. £4.20 DF: £37 00. CSF £41 97 8.40 (1m 114yd) 1. Systematic (M Roberts 7-1). 2. First Century (6-4 tov) 2. Lyris Return (15-2) 9 ran 341, 1341 R Hannon Tole. (5 50: 52 00. £1.40, £2.30 DF £7.00. CSF. £17.17. 9.10 (7) 1. Rocky Waters (B Rouse. 11-1): 2. Royal Datamonth (16-1): 3. Durnettor (7-2 lav). 11 ran NR. Hard To Figure Sh hd. 46 G Leves. Tote £18.00. £3.20. £4.00. £1.70. DF-£188.20 The £419.40 CSF-£162.49 Treast £688.76.

Placepot: £221.70.

Catterick Bridge 7.50 (1m 41 44yd) 1, Kayartis (J Lowe, 6-1), 2, Büberry (3-1 j-law), 3, Little lvor (12-1) Master Copy 3-1 j-law 6 ran Sh hd, 1%1 Mrs G Reveley Tote £8.20, £2 10, £1.80 OF £15 10 CSF £22 62.

9.00 (1m 41 44yd) 1, Grouse-N-Heather (J Faming, 7-4 law); 2, Lord Advocate (25-1); 3, Sousso (5-1), 7 nn 195), hd Mrs G Reveley Tote £3.10, £2.20, £3.90. DF £18.10 CSF £28.32

8.30 (59 £12yd) 1, Invitation (J Weaver, 4-8.30 (59 £212yd) 1, Invitation (J Weaver, 4-8.30 (

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to time

8,30 (St 212yd) 1. Invigitate (J Weever, 4-5 tay); 2, Don't Run Me Over (11-2), 3, Kelst (201); 6 ran NR Murray's Mazde, Mi, 5i. M Naughton Tote: \$1.50, \$1.10, \$2.60. DF \$2.70. CSF \$4.54. 9.00 (7) 1, La Kermesse (J Carroll, 9-4 lav); 2, April Shadow (16-1), 3, Grept Out (3-1) 7 ran. 11, 4st. J Gosden Tote: £2,80, £1,60, £4,80, DF £16,30 CSF, £29,19.

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4 00 (5/ 212yd) 1, Spring Sunrise (F Notion, 2-1) 2, Hi Mod (4-1); 3, El Guapo (25-1) 11-8 lav Sweetings Scampy 5 ran NR, Cumbrian Rhapsody '5/, 2/5/, M Blenshard Tole, 12-50; £1-20, £1-80 DF 14-20 CSF £9-99. Going: good to Irm 2.20 (Im & 17yd) 1. Broctune Grey (M Roberts, 49 (av), 2. Briggscare (5-2), 3. Angelsos Pari, (10-1) 5 ran 3d, 8l Mrs G Reveley Tote C1 60: £1.20, £1.30 (F £1.70 CSF: £1.95 14 20 CSF* 13 39. 4.30 (7) 1 Hawa Laysam (L Deitor, 7-2 tav), 2 Most Surprising (9-1), 3, Debsy Do (8-1) 11 ran Ns., 51 A Scott, Tote C3 90, £1 80, £2 40, £1.50 DF £12.50 CSF £31 94 Tricast £214.51 £1 70 ČSF. £1 95 2.50 (61 3yd) 1, Daans (E Bentley, 13-8 lav); 2, Indian Endeavour (5-2), 3, Master Hyde (13-2) 5 ran Hd, 1'vi D Morley, Tote £2.30; £1 20; £1 60 DF £3 40 CSF. £5.34 After a stewards' enquery, result 13194 Tricast 1214.51
5.00 (Im 44 4yd) 1, Bandokine (D Holland, 12-1), 2, Mystic Memory (9-2), 3, Marabou (1-3 fav) 7 ran 194, 71 B Hills, Tote 10-10, 10, 206, 11-90 DF 19-90 CSF 15-80 (7)+1, Leave it To Lib (J Tate, 10-1), 2, Euroblake (7-1)-3, Chain Shot (10-1), 4-1 tav Wild Prospect 13 ran 21, nk P Calver Tote 129 70, 12-70, 12-00, 15-90 DF 155-290 CSF 171-15 Tricast 15-80 02 Brisse (11-1) withdrawn, not under orders – rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound. 13-34 Alter a stewards employ, reads stood.

3.20 (61 syd) 1, Skulicap (W R Swenburn, 13-8 fee), 2, Muster Blake (16-1), 3, Jordywrath (3-1), 6 ran 2/9-1, 44 D Morfey, Tote £1 90, £1 20, £4 50 DF £7 50, CSF-£14 42, Burrellu (7-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 apples to all bets, debutton 20p in pound Sold to G Withshee for 5.750prs.



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Middlesex bowlers made to struggle

Knight leads Essex to an outstanding success with century

By Ivo Tennant

ILFORD (final day of three): Essex (22pts) beat Middlesex (6) by eight wickets

IF. AMID commercial concerns, Essex have an understated reason for opposing four-day cricket, it could be because they feel they do not need that length of time to win their matches. In this liford week, they have beaten Lancashire in two days and, in spite of the weather, Middlesex with an over to spare. It will rank as one of their finest

Left to make 255 in a minimum of 32 overs — there were ultimately 43 — Essex batted with such alacrity that not only was the outcome in no doubt during the last hour, but they achieved victory without any resort to slogging. Knight made his first championship century of the season and Waugh batted in such a way as to make you wonder how Australia's selectors could have ignored him for so long.

At the start of the last 20 overs, Essex needed 139 with only one wicket down. Knight and Waugh were giving Gatting cause to wonder who to turn to next: his supposed match-winner. Tufnell, was not obtaining any help from the pitch; his most experienced bowler, Emburey, was not shown the respect venerability merits: Fraser, who in his pomp would have kept any

England bid

to become

1995 hosts

COUNTY TABLE

batsman within bounds, was given the briefest of spells. When Emburey put the ball in the blockhole, he was repeatedly driven down the ground. When he saw the batsman coming and speared the ball wide of the stumps, he was flat-batted to the cover-

point boundary. He was treat-

ed as he can rarely have been treated before. The declaration had been an eminently fair one, but not over-generous. Essex, indeed, had wanted to be left more time. The odd ball had turned in the morning when they had continued their first innings. thus cramping Gatting's op-tions. When Middlesex batted, he himself struck 69 off 81

balls and Roseberry made runs besides. Essex, then, needed to score at six an over at the very least. Prichard and Knight gave them almost that, making 71 from the first 14 overs. if, on the face of it, Knight has been fortunate to retain a regular place this season ahead of Shahid (70 had been his previous best championship score) this has happened because Gooch is as good a judge of a young batsman as there can be.

Quick to the pitch of the ball and strong off his legs like the very best of left-handers. Knight collected his runs all round the wicket. He was, of course, fortunate that Waugh relieved him of responsibility at the crucial stage of the innings, but there was no doubting his temperament.

There were ten overs remaining when Waugh should have been stumped by Brown off Tuinell. It was an error of the type that gives ammunition to those who wish to see only specialist wicketkeepers in all county sides. The ground fielding was pretty ragged by now, too: Knight reached his century, made off 1 15 balls, through a misfield. Soon afterwards, Tufnell did turn one enough to the his less through a misfield with the county of the his less through the county of the cou

leg stump. There was, it needs hardly be said, an adoring reception when Knight returned to Ilford's modest pavilion. Hussain swept his first ball for four and there was no doubting that Essex would retain their leadership of the championship.

Stubborn Crawley only delays Kent

By RICHARD STREETON

ENGLAND expect to stage cricket's next World Cup and officials at Lord's are hoping it tinghamshire (4) by 35 runs can be held a year ahead of schedule, in 1995, to avoid a

clash with the hosting of the football European Next week's meeting of the International Cricket Council in London is likely to endorse England as the home nation, subject to suitable financial guarantees, which need not be

tabled until next summer. Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, explained yesterday why the World Cup, last held here in 1979, should return to England. "In principle, ICC has already agreed to a rota system which provides for the event being held next in this country," he said. "I certainly do not expect a bid from South Africa, who have recently en-

tered the equation." Smith added that he is confident England could substantially increase the guarantees of £150,000 paid to competing countries when the Cup was held in Australasia early this year.

The ICC is almost certain to agree to remission for the English players still serving international bans for touring South Africa in 1989. Smith said England, unsurprisingly, would support such action but would be unlikely to propose

"Our view is that ICC out the bans on and it is up to them to take them off. I would be quite surprised if they were not lifted, either from October this year or from next April. Circumstances have changed and it would now be appropriate, but we are not going to bang the table and make demands."

If the bans were to be removed from October, the England selectors would then be able to consider Mike Gatting, Neil Foster, Chris Broad and Alan Wells, among others, for the tour to India

Colombo: England's proposed visit here next March will contribute to a sudden crowded programme for Sri Lanka. The country, starved of Test cricket for five years, will also receive Australia. New Zealand, India and South Africa within 14 months.



MAIDSTONE (final day of three): Kent (21 pts) beat Not-

ONLY eight balls remained when Kent completed a tense victory yesterday after Not-tinghamshire found a target of 302 from 70 overs beyond reach. Mark Crawley remained undefeated with 102 but, after Randall was out. nobody could stay with him.

Nottinghamshire, initially, were in the doldrums after Igglesden reduced them to 19 for three when he dismissed Broad. Robinson and Pollard in 11 balls. Crawley and Randall then added 94 together. Nottinghamshire. with five wickets left, still needed 127 in the final 20 overs, but apart from Cairns. none of the late-order men could contribute.

Crawley was 91 when Pennett, the No. 11, joined him with 4.5 overs left, and by then the only aim was a draw. Crawley had hit ten fours when he completed his second hundred this season, before Pennett was leg-before to a quicker ball from Hooper. It was a better final day's

Derbys v Gloucs

DERBY (final day of three). Derbysh (4pts) draw with Gloucestershire (3) GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

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G D Hodgson c Base b Cork
C W J Athey b Warner
S G Harles c Adams b Cork
A J Wright bw b Warner
M W Alleyne not out
R J Scott c Kniken b Warner
R C Williams c Beshop b Cork
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A M Smath c Goldsmith b Cork
A M Babingson c Bishop b Cork
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Second immigs

Total (91.5 Overs)

cricket than seemed probable after the disappointing weather. Nottinghamshire declared their first innings closed at their overnight total. Kent then made 55 for one before declaring ten minutes before unch, and the proper bu could begin.

Igglesden has not always been fortunate with injuries since winning a Test cap three years ago, but at his best he remains a fine bowler. This was only his fourth championship game this year after suffering with sore shins and a side strain. Broad and Robinson were beaten by breakbacks and Pollard was late against a particularly fast ball. The score was only 46 for four when Johnson was caught at slip in Davis's first over, when the spinner got one to lift from some rough.

Igglesden returned after tea to end the stand between Randall and Crawley, when Randall hooked a catch to Taylor. Cairns hit a six and four fours before he was caught at mid-on. French and Evans lofted catches to longon, and Field-Buss was legbefore to McCague.



England's tormentor: Sohail hits out on his way to a sparkling double-century

Empty stands are the fault of the one-day game

alarming evidence at Old Trafford yesterday of a declining interest in Test cricket in the provinces. The old ground was barely a third full: yet, whichever side bat-ted, there was every prospect of some thoroughly good

The forecast was promising the return to the Eng-land side of Michael Atherton and the fact that Wasim Akram, whose county is Lancashire, was playing for Pakistan should have satisfied local interest.

England have a deficit to make good; Pakistan have the best attack in world cricket, as well as some of the most entertaining batsmen, and David Gower was to be welcomed back from the

When, now, England play Pakistan in a Test match in Karachi, practically no one goes. When India play West Indies in Delhi the ground is sparsely populated; when Australia play India in Perth there is only a sprinkling of spectators; when Pakistan last played West Indies in Faisalabad, only those of us in the press enclosure watched the two captains Imran Khan and Desmond Haynes, toss up.

The more one-day internationals there are, the fewer people go to watch Test

For the first time this year England are putting on five one-day internationals, one of them here at Old Trafford next month, and you may be sure that is one of the reasons why yesterday's crowd was so small.

This is something the International Cricket Council will do well to ponder when they gather at Lord's next week for their annual

And another thing about all this one-day cricket: it has an awful lot to do with England's bowling being as outstandingly ordinary as it was yesterday. I could name

a dozen English county bowlers, bowling before oneday cricket attached such a premium to containment, who would have fancied their chance yesterday morning, simply by putting the new ball in the right place in a heavyish atmosphere.

As it was. Lewis bowled two wides in his first over. and accuracy was never Mal-colm's forte. Because he bowls a line and length. Gooch would have been as tikely as either of them to make something of the

By the time Munton came on, in his first Test match, Sohail and Ramiz were going well. The only taller bowlers than the 6ft 5's in Munton to have played for England for many years must be Tony Greig and David Larter.

reig certainly, could have given Munton an inch or two. There have been countless six-footers, but few steeples. Bob Willis and Harold Rhodes were up there somewhere, and there was a lot of Fred Runsey, as there is of Derek

From earlier generations Kenneth Farnes, who was killed in the Second World War and All Gover come to mind, and, from other countries, Pat Crawford, who played for Australia in the Lord's Test of 1950.

Then there are such Harlem Globetrotters as Joel Garner and Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh and Hines Johnson, who crawled under the covers like some clongated anaconda when rain stopped play in the Trent Bridge Test match of

and elasticity of the great West Indians, that is because he was born not in the Caribbean but in Melton Mowbray. It makes quite a

Crawley

takes his

chance

By JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (final day of three): Cambridge University beat Oxford University by seven

JOHN Crawley, the Cam-

bridge captain and, since tea-

time yesterday, their captain

elect, took Cambridge to a

thrilling victory with one over

to spare. Set to score 238 from

52 overs, Cambridge made

the last 140 runs at more than

It was the first result in the

university match since 1986. Oxford had made all the

wickets

Marshall reaches landmark to season's

ARUNDEL (last day of three): Hampshire (18pts) beat Sussex (4) by 130 runs

The haul is unmatched by

any of his contemporaries

BEFORE the start of this week David Ward, of Surrey, had not passed 50 in the champ-ARUNDEL leaves a lot to be ionship this season. Yesterday desired as a first-class venue but it is one that Malcolm he hit the fastest century of the Marshall will remember fondseason, from 70 balls, as Northamptonshire were beatly. The great West Indian fast en by five wickets with seven bowler took his 1,500th firstballs to spare at the Oval (Geoffrey Wheeler writes). class wicket yesterday to see Hampshire to an unlikely

Ward hit two huge sixes and 14 fours as Surrey galloped to a target of 251 in 48 overs with seven balls to spare. Martin Bicknell, who took

fastest 100

made 30 of a crucial sixthwicket stand of 8 I. Nigel Briers, of Leicestershire, made an unbeaten 122 to lead his side home by nine wickets after negotiating a

since Ken Higgs and John Lever. "I was concentrating so nine wickets in the match, hard on winning the match I hadn't realised I'd done it until Bob Parks congratulated me," he said. "Now I just want towin the Benson and Hedges Cup next week and the championship to make it a great season."Marshall needs target of 233 with the Worcestershire captain, Tim Curtis, only ten more wickets for his at Grace Road. 1,000 for Hampshire.

He received significant support yesterday, notably from Maru, whose outstanding fig-ures of 15.4-10-8-4 reveal his sustained accuracy on a dead wicket. Maru had made the early breakthrough as Sussex. chasing 272 in a minimum of 76 overs after a declaration, two forfeits and the loss of 90 minutes play, fell apart the

moment they tried to step up the pace from a base of 77 for two off 40 overs The decisive twist carne around tea as the spinners came into their own. Wells was bowled trying to dig out a yorker in the final over before the interval. Stephenson replaced him, but in the first over after tea Greenfield's stint ended as he fell to Udal's

quicker ball, pushing forward to be picked up at silly mid-off. Seven overs later Maru removed Stephenson and

Four wickets had fallen for the addition of ten runs in nine overs, but Smith, whose injured knee kept him back until the fourth wicket fell, remained, all limping defiance. North kept him company for 19 overs to prove that the spinners' success owed little to the pitch.

Moores within three balls.

Marshall returned and the breakthrough came as North was trapped leg-before. Donelan replaced him, and Middleton claimed him at short leg in Marshall's next The 1,500th wicket was a

worthy victim, Smith edging to give the other record-breaker, Parks, a memorable place in Marshall's achievement.

Hansford became Maru's fourth victim as Hampshire claimed their fourth victory of YESTERDAY'S FIRST-CLASS SCIPTEBOARDS (

running, had lost only eight wickets in the match, and had shown enterprise in a declaration where time and the pitch were against their bowling out Cambridge. Oxford's chances of victory ended when Chinmay Gupte,

SEVER an over.

a former blue, fielding as substitute for the injured Davies, put down relatively straightforward catches off two successive balls bowled by Anderson Crawley was the beneficiary. He was on 20. Cambridge were 94 for three and 20 overs still remained.

Wight was dropped at slip on 29 but had Crawley been nipped in the bud, there was little prospect of Cambridge going for the target, let alone achieving it.

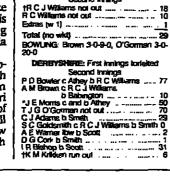
Crawley, fretful and uncom-fortable until then, took on a new lease of life. A six into the short Tavern boundary and 13 fours came in his unbeaten century from only 124 balls. He shared an unfinished partnership of 166 from 26 overs with Marcus Wight, who contributed 62 of them.

The difference between Oxford then and the way they bestrode the field while Gallian and Montgomerie took them to 115 for one, and in the early stages of the Cambridge second innings

The configuration of the

was startling.

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Total (9 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS. 1-27, 2-118, 3-186, 4-223, 5-221, 6-226, 7-229, 8-293, 9-301. BOWLING: Babrigson 16-3-50-1. Smith 20-1-81-3; Scott 17-0-71-2; R C Witterns 8-0-48-1; Athey 8-0-24-1; Alleyne 3-1-14-0 Umpres: G I Burgess and A A Jones Leics v Worcs

LEICESTER (final day of three) Laicester-shire (20pts) beat Worcestershire (2) by nine wickets WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings WORCESTERSHIRE: First Immings
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Total (9 wids dec, 93 overs) Second Immings LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings forfested

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Sussex v Hants ARUNDEL (final day of fivee) Hampshire (18pts) beat Suscex (4) by 130 nurs HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 271 for 9 dec (K D. James 59, BOWLING: Stepherson 21-5-41-1; Pigott 18-6-25-1; Hanslord 29-5-81-3; North 21-3-51-3; Lenham 5-0-20-0; Doneten 9-2-27-1; Greenfield 2-0-13-0) Second Innings fortested

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Y Moores c Wood b Maru

J A North bw b Marshall

B T P Donelan c Middlelon b Marshall

A C S Poot not out

A R Hanstord c Nicholas b Maru

BOWLING Marshall 16-3-44-3, Connor9-2-22-0, James 10-4-14-1, Aying 6-2-8-1, Udal 19-8-33-1; Maru 15-4-10-8-4 Umpires: J C Balderstone and G Sharp **Kent v Notts**

MAIDSTONE (final day of three) kent (21pts) beat Notinghamshire (4) by 35 runs ICENT: First Innungs 359 (M R Benson 131, M V Fleming 63; C L Cauma 5 for 75)

BOWLING: Evans 6 3-0-33-1; Pennett 6-0-21-0 NOTTINGHAMSHERE: First Imings 113 for 3 dac (BOWLING, tiggleaden 6-1-22-1, Elison 12-4-35-1; McCague 4-1-11-0, Fleming 8-1-37-0; Davis 5-2-4-1) Second Impage Second Immigs

B C Broad b Igglesden

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R T Robinson b Igglesden

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D B Pennett libw b Hooper Extras (1b 10, nb 3) FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-10, 3-19, 4-46, 5-140, 6-203, 7-228, 8-245, 9-251

Umpres J.H. Hampshire and N.T. Piews.

Essex v Middx ILFORD (final day of three). Essex (22pts) beal Middlesex (6) by eight wickets MIDDLESEX: First Innings 273 (J D Can 102, T D Topley 4 for 57) Second Innings D L Haynes run out .. M A Roseborry not out

Total (3 wkts dec) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-167, 3-175. POWLING: Andrew 11-2-34-1, Topley 8-0-34-0; Waugh 9-0-31-0; Childs 14-1-56-0; Shahid 4-0-28-1. ESSEX: First Innings
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P J Prichard C Brown b Fraser
N V Knight b Taylor
M E Waugh C Gatting b Fraser
N Hussan c and b Briburey
N Shahid c Emburey b Tulnell
J J B Lews not out
T Copley b Emburey
M C libit an out
S J W Andrew not out Extras (fb 4. mb 2) Total (8 wkts dec, 82.4 overs) J H Childs did not be! FALL OF WICKETS. 1-62, 2-100, 3-122, 4-135, 5-135, 6-145, 7-182, 8-186.

BOWLING, Freser 13-1-46-2, Teylor 7-1-31-1; Headley 7-1-33-0, Tutnet 31 4-13-59-2; Emburey 24-13-31-2 P J Prichard c Emburey b Taylor ...
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Extras (b 4, lb 3)

BOWLING: Freser 5-0-34-0; Taylor 12-0-54-1. Emburey 10-0-88-0; Turnell 15-0-Umpres: 6 Dudleston and D J Constant Surrey v Northants THE CVAL (final day of three). Surrey (20pts) bear Northamptonshire (4) by five weckets

MORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 312 for 8 dec (D.J. Capel 103, A.J. Lamb 58, M.P. Bicknell 8 for 107) Second Imings D J Capel & Sargeant b Benjamin K M Curran & Alkins b Boiling 1D Ripley b Boiling A R Roberts not out Extres (10 1, no 5)

Total (6 wids dec) .. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-19, 3-19, 4-68, 5-84, 6-85. SOULING: Benjamin 8.4-0-59-1, M. Bicknell 7-3-11-3, Boiling 4-0-31-2.
SUBMEY: First Innings

G P Thorps c Curran b Taylor Extras (fb 2 nb 1) Total (2 wkds dec. 49 overs) J D Robinson, N M Kendrick, tN F Sergeant, JE Benjamin, M P Bicknell and J Boiling did not bes. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-65. BOWLING: Ambrose 11-1-21-0; Taylor 14-2-52-2; Curran 10-1-41-0; Roberts 5-0-20-0; Capel 5-0-16-0; Cook 4-1-12-0

P D Alidne low to Cook
th F Sargeant c Ambrose b Taylor
G P Thorpe b Cook
M A Lynch c Ambrose b Cook
D M Ward not out J D Robinson c and b Bailey M P Blokmell not out Exeres (b 1, ib 5) ._ Total (5 wkts) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-72, 3-94, 4-126, 5-171

BOWLING: Ambrose 12.5-2-45-0: Taylor 10-1-42-1; Cook 15-0-83-2: Roberts 6-0-83-0; Bailey 2-1-5-1; Curran 1-0-8-0. Umpres: J H Hents and R Julian. University match Oxford Univ

LORD'S (final day of three): Cambridge best Oxford by seven wickets OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First lanings 182 fox ? dec

Extras (15 3, w 1) FALL OF WICKET: 1-115. BOMUNG: Johnson 6-0-22-0; Pitcher 11-0-21-0; Pearson 8-0-39-0; Wight 5-0-13-1; Abrugton 2-0-7-0. CAMBREDGE UNIV: First broings

Extres (to 3, no 5)

BOWLING: Jeh 8-1-15-2; Gelten 8-4-10-2; Wood 4-0-19-1; Macdonald 5-4-3-13-2. Second Immings

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RAPID CRECKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Southgale: Debyebies 125 (R J Beilinger 5-30) and 154 (R L Johnson 4-38); Middleser 230-5 dec (M Keech 102, J C Hamson 58, P N Weetes 63). Middlesex won by an innings and 14

ture.

Worsester: Worsestershire 232 and 84-2 dac (A C H Saymour 52 not out; Yorkshire 54-1 dec and 329-5 (D Byes 200 not out). Yorkshire 54-1 dec and 329-5 (D Byes 200 not out). Yorkshire wan by 5 weders.
Trent Bridge: Notis 219-8 dec (M Saveby 72, M P Downen 61: J T C Vaughten 6-32) and 41-0 dec. Gloucestershire: first irrings forteited and 203-8. Metch desem.
Bourniemouth: Hempshire 273-9 dec (R M F Cox 100) and second irrings forfeited.
Gesmonger: first Irrings knieled and 222-4 (A Jones 82 not out, D L Hemp 82.) Metch desem. drawn. Hows: Essex 233 (M Diwen 91) and 218-6 (K A Butler 63 not out); Sussex 363 (C C Remy S2, R Harley 66; A G J Fraser 5-43). Match drawn.

Masch drawn.
Studiey: Kent 193 and 111-1 7 dec. (D P Fullon 55, 18ektok 51 not out; Werks 28-0 dec and 277-8 (T L. Penney 142 not out, W Khan 78). Warks won by 4 wide.
Cundle School: Northewis 307-8 dec (M S Loye 117 not out, T C Walton 114) and 80-1 dec. Lanceshire 42-0 dec and 187-9 (F leasi 98, M N Bowen 5-39). Match drawn.

Adeniken offers timely Olympic reminder

Jackson eases away from opposition despite slower pace

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN STOCKHOLM

self-belief grow and Mitchell

despite his defeat by Christie

their only meeting so far this

season - is saying "I feel I am

the favourite for gold".

Elana Meyer, the South

African running in Europe

for only the second time, gave

an impressive display of front

running to win the 5,000 metres in the sixth fastest

time ever recorded. Meyer,

who promises to be the great-

est danger to Liz McColgan

in the Olympic 10,000 metres, was on world record

schedule for the first 2,000

metres but let her pace slip

the African championships.

record of 14min 37.33sec.

Kristiansen's mark was set on

Meyer was paced to the first 2,000 metres by Elisa Rea, of Italy, whose perfect judgement took the South African Horsesh in Smin 52 sec.

rican through in 5min 52sec.

However, running on her

own, Meyer's next two

kilometre splits were each

timed at 3min, leaving her

too much to do in the final

51.44sec.

in Bratislava last month

COLIN Jackson, who says he tie against the Americans. is "one of the favourites" for the Olympic gold medal in the 110 metre hurdles in Barcelona next month, did not need to be at his best here last night to win the DN Galan grand prix.

Jackson was a clear victor. ahead of Sergey Usov, of the CIS, but his time, 13.35sec, represented a considerable slowing down on his performances at the British Olympic trials in Birmingham last weekend. On that occasion. Jackson ran 13.16sec in his heat and 13.15sec to win the

pleased at clattering the sixth hurdle in the way that he did. Usov followed in 13.75sec and Jon Ridgeon, two days after winning the grand prix in Helsinki, was third with

13.79sec Amid the enthusiasm for Linford Christie's fine form this season and the fast running in the United States trials, the Olympic challenge of the Nigerians has tended to be overlooked. Olapade Adeniken offered a timely reminder here that Barcelona may not come down to Chris-

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Adeniken has yet to break 10sec but, aged 22, is threatening to do so. His winning time of 10.25sec last night was still some way off, but, with Dennis Mitchell and the Ezinwa brothers, Davidson and Osmond, in the field, it

was a good race to win. Not too much should be made of Mitchell's defeat he was second in 10.28sec for it was, after all, his first race in Europe since journeying from the United States. Soon, he hopes to deliver the first in a series of blows to the opposition that are intended to have them spinning towards the floor even before they get to the Olympic

"Hopefully, the final in Barcelona can be decided before we get there," he said. Mitchell won the United States Olympic trial a fortnight ago in a time of 10.09sec. which equals Christie's best of the season. In so doing, he beat Carl Lewis, the Olympic champion, who failed to make the team, and Leroy Burrell, who was runner up to Lewis in the

world championship. From such conquests does

slowly but surely towards the end as she finished in 14min Meyer is South Africa's most exciting Olympic pros-pect upon their return from isolation. Although she was beaten in her first European race at the weekend, this was hardly surprising since she had only just arrived in Holland after a long flight from Last night, she put behind her her defeat over 3,000 metres by Sonia O'Sullivan. of Ireland, to go in pursuit of Ingrid Kristiansen's world

Poised to reach another final: Steffi Graf, the defending champion, on her way to victory yesterday. Report, page 38

Games trials criticised

Kasarani, Kenya: Athletics officials and supporters, still stunned after the eclipse of almost all their veteran track stars, have argued for an end to the sudden-death Olympic

A host of young unknowns is on its way to Barcelona with the old guard left at home after a crop of unexpected failures on Wednesday. Top officials felt that ath-

IN BRIEF

Spot checks

on Krabbe

Katrin Krabbe was subjected

to random tests, before and

after training, at her home track in Neubrandenburg

yesterday. They were conducted by the German sports

federation (DSB) and not the

athletics federation (DLV)

which lacks the legal powers

The world sprint cham-

pion's team-mates, Grit

Breuer and Silke Möller, also

underwent similar double

Golf: Thanks to his second 67 in three days, John Hoskison,

of west Surrey, goes into ioday's fourth and final round of the Wilson Club professionals' championship

at St Pierre, Chepstow, five strokes clear of Campbell

Elliott and Chris Hall.

British through

Yachting: Ian Southwood and Lawrie Smith, the British

representatives in the

Wightlink Royal Lymington

Cup match racing grand prix, won through to the last

four for today's semi-finals.

Hoskison clear

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letes such as John Ngugi and Paul Ereng should not have had to justify their places in such a way. "The old blend of track stars may have lost at the trials but ought to have been considered for places in the Barcelona contingent," Kenya's head coach, Mike Kosgei, said. "These kind of trials cannot be taken in just

blunder."(Reuter)

kilometre. Nevertheless, her performance now gives her four of the six fastest times ever recorded; only Kristiansen and Zola Pieterse (14min 48.07sec) join her at one day. I think that was a

the top end of the rankings. MOTOR SPORT

Lorry dispute puts French grand prix under threat

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN MAGNY COURS, FRANCE

THE French lorry drivers dispute is threatening to disrupt the French grand prix, due to take place here on Sunday. Last night at least 11 Formula One teams had trucks containing engines and fuel blockaded 60 miles to the north of the circuit, as part of the lorry drivers' protest against a new French

At Fontainbleu, south of Paris, trucks containing Yamaha engines and tankers with fuel for BP and Mobil are surrounded by more than 100 French trucks, while the Andrea Moda team trans-porters are blocked at Lyon. Other, smaller iornes and vans containing telemetry. engine management systems

and spares are stranded in northern and central France. According to some of those who have reached the halfempty paddock, the lorry drivers have said that their aim was to stop the race. But because so many vehicles

have got through by using back roads, the plan is to blockade the exits from the circuit on Sunday after the race. This could affect the British grand prix, as the Formula One hardware has only a couple of days to make it to Silverstone for the teams

to set up for the race. If the lorries could not leave here on Sunday evening. there could be a confrontation. At Fontainbleau, protesters put tyres under the fuel tankers and threatened to set them alight, and the Benetton transporter is reported to have been damaged by rocks despite travelling

under police protection. Last night only McLaren, Williams, Ligier and Tyrrell were ready for the start of the qualifying session this morning. With the exception of McLaren, the teams are fuelled by Elf, the French oil company, which has large stocks of fuel here at Ligier's headquarters.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT WIMBLEDON

Men's singles Winner £265,000 Runner-up £132,500

Holder: M Stich (Ger) A AGASSI (US) bi B BECKER (Ger). 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 JP McEnroe (US) bi G FORGET (Fr). 6-2, 7-6, 6-3 Quarter-finals

Men's doubles

Koevermans (Hol), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 Women's singles Winner £240,000 Runner up £120,000

Holder: S Graf (Ger) Semi-finals

M SELES (Yug) bt M NAVRATILOVA (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4 S GRAF (Ger) bt G SABATINI (Arg), 6-3, 6-3 Women's doubles

Winners £93,920 Runners-up £46,950 Holders: L Savchenko and N Zvereva (USSR)

G FERNANDEZ (US) and N ZVEREVA (CIS) bt LM McNEH, (US) and R P STUBBS (AUS), 6-0, 6-3
J NOVOTNA (Cz) and L SAVCHENKONEH, AND (Lat) bt S W MAGERS (US) and R M WHITE (US), 6-2, 7-6
A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp.) and H SLKOVA (Cz) bt M J FERNANDEZ (US) and Z L GARRISON (US), 6-2, 6-4
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M NAVRATILOVA (US) and P H SHRIVER (US) bt J A Fauli (Aus) and J A Richardson (NZ), 6-3, 6-1 Mixed doubles

Winners £46,070 Runners-up £23,030 Holders: J Fitzgerald and P Smylle (Aus)

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Mana / Switz) and A Savotil (Hum). 6-4, 6-2,
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(GB) bt N Behr (Iss) and C Halim (Indo), 46, 6-1, 6-0. N Godwin (SA) and G Williams
(SA) bt S Downs (N2) and P Joromsky
(CIS), 6-2, 7-6. J Greennalgh (N2) and C A
Reano (Peru) bt P Braga (Br) and G
Fernandes (Br), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
GIRLS: SINGLES: Second round: N
Feber (Belt) bt M Avotins (Aus), 6-2, 6-1, L
Schaeter (Par) bt L Horn (SA), 7-6, 7-5
Third round: C Rubin (US) bt J Steven
(US), 6-1, 6-2, L Courtos (Belt) bt M Babet
(US), 6-1, 6-2, L Courtos (Belt) bt M Babet
(US), 6-1, 6-2, L Courtos (Belt) bt M Babet
(US), 6-1, 7-6. A Sugyams (Japan) bt C
Citistea (Rom), 6-4, 0-6, 6-1 R De Lon Rios
(Par) bt H Mochazula, Japan), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4,
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(Bell), 6-2, 4-6, 8-6: A Glass (Ger) bt L
Schaeter (Par), 6-3, 6-2
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(That) bt C P McCarthy (Ire) and V
Valdovinos (Par), 6-2, 6-3, J M Pullin (GB)
and L A Woodroffe (GB) bt J Y Chot (S
Kor) and Is Takuma (Japan), 2-6, 7-6, 6-1. Schapers (Holl) and B Schultz (Holl), 2-6, 7-6, 6-0 J Eltingh and M Oremans (Holl) bt 1, Warder and R P Stubbs (Aus), 6-3, 8-4

B Shetton (US) and L M McNeil (US) bit K JONES (US) and G FERNANDEZ (US), 6-3, 7-5

T A WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and J NOVOTNA (C2) bit J Pugh (US) and N Zvereva (CIS), 6-2, 7-5

L B Jensen (US) and J Capnati (US) bit A JARRYD (Swe) and H SUKOVA (Cz), 6-3, 6-3 Quarter-final

C SUK (Cz) and L SAVCHENKO-NEILAND (Lat) bi J Stoltenberg (Aus) and A Strnadova (Cz), 4-6, 6-4, 8-6

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MEN'S OVER-35 DOUBLES: Roundrobn: P Dupre (US) and H Phister (US) bt P Slozt (C2) and T Smid (C2), 7-6, 7-6, 1 G Alexander (Aus) and P C Dent (Aus) bt P Sarthes (Fr) and B Taroczy (Hun), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, M R Edmondson (Aus) and K Warnerk, Aus) bt R T Janner (US) and E J Van Dillen (US), 5-2, 6-3; J M Llovd (GB) and R L Slockton (US) bt R L Case (Aus) and G Masters (Aus), 6-1, 6-3, TE Gulikson (US) and T R Gulikson (US) bt R Dowdeswell (GB) and A J Stone (Aus), 3-6, 7-5, 5-3, PB McNamera (Aus) and P F McNamera (Aus) and P F McNamera (Aus) and R Mayer (US), 6-3, 7-6

WOMENS' OVER-35 DOUBLES: Semi-

WOMENS' OVER-35 DOUBLES: Semi-final: R Casals (US) and S A Watsh (US) bt F Durn (Fre) and B F Stove (Hol), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1

MEN'S OVER-45 DOUBLES: Quarter-finst: K R Rosewall (Aus) and F S Stolle (Aus) bi J Filiol (Chile) and J Kodes (Cz), 7-6, 7-5.

(Aus) bi J Fillot (Chie) and J Kodes (C2).
7-6. 7-8.
BOYS' SINGLES: Second round' S
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Baldes (Aus) bi J Giteenhalgh (NZ), 5-8.
A Sowan (6B), 6-2, 6-2.
Baldes (Rom) bi G Carrax (F1), 7-6, 6-3.
A Savolt (F1), 7-6, 6-3.
D Skoch (C2) bi H K Song (S Kon), 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.
C M Maclagan (GB) bi O Tauma (F1), 7-5, 6-3.
A Savolt (F1un) bi S S Körler (Hong Kong), 5-3, 3-6, 6-3, B Durn (US) bi N Godwan (SA), 5-7, 7-5, 6-1. S Ladipo (Nigeral) bi S Baldes (Aus), 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.
BOYS' DOUBLES: First round: N Bhupathi (Inda) and N Kritare (Inda) bi J Esqueda (Mex) and G Sitberstein (Chie), 6-1, 6-2.
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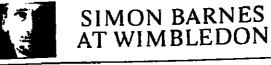
Versatile MacLagan

left to fly the flag

BY ALIX RAMSAY

was grunting, it would be fine SIMON BARNES

If Jimmy Seles



ONICA Seles's grunt is an impor-tant contribution

to the feminist dialectic of the late twentieth century. It is an extraordinary din but. more extraordinary still is the fuss everyone has made McEnroe. Connors, Agassi: these three centre court darlings grunt like a set of hogs. The first two have done it for decades. None of

them has prompted the world's press to bring the gruntometers on to centre court. None of them has got Fleet Street's finest in such a lather, not by grunting,

The point is that women's sport has always thrown up weird ambiguities and inconsistencies in the way society looks at women. Women's tennis has the highest profile of all women's sports; inevitably, it is absolutely crawl-

ing with contradictions.
The Seles grunt is just another one of these. Prominent male tennis players have grunted for years. But Seles is a woman. She is trying to do the same thing as Connors and Co. — that is, win tennis matches - but she is judged by a different standard. Grunting is unladylike, you see. Let us look at some of the

run-of-the-mill criticisms people make of women's tennis. Behind them lurk the same inconsistencies that surround the Seles grunt.

People say there are took many one-sided matches. that the fragile feminine temperament makes defeats of lower-ranked players inevitable. At the same time, when a player establishes effortless dominance over the rest, as Court, Navratilova, Graf. Seles and even Evert did in their time, she is criticised for being unattractively ruthless.

People go on about power tennis, and modern racket technology, and say it makes for the unattractive blast-'em-out-of-the-road tennis of Seles. Ou sont les Buenos d'antan? they sigh. But a couple of years ago, the same and L. A Woodroffe (GB) bit J.Y. Cho. (S. Kor) and N. Takums (Labam), 2-5. 7-6. 6-1, M.F. Lands (Arg) and N. Marra (Veri) bit F. Hearn (GB) and Z. Melbs. (GB), 6-1. 6-4. 8. M. Hughes (GB) and A. M. H. Wammenghi (GB) bit S. Mengmolee (Thai) and D. Sutedja (Indo). 6-0. 6-3. P. Nelson (US) and J. Steven (US) bit N. Joshi (India) and A. Reddy (India). 6-4. 6-2. E.E. Jells (GB) and C. Taylor (GB) bit S. Bursten (Isr) and S. Lochei (Switz). 6-2. 6-3. Z. Nemsakova (C2) and L. Richierova (C2) bit A. Ahi (GB) and S.A. Siddall (GB), 6-3. 6-2. M. Avotins (Aus) and L. MicShea (Aus) bit G. Gutiernez (Col) and M. Miller (GB), 6-2. 6-0. L. Janason (Fin.) and M. Munc (Crol bit S. Charliszthuphan (Thai) and T. Tanasukam (Thai), 6-2. 6-2. M. Donoshiro (Japan) and A. Sugyams (Japan) bit N. M. Cross (GB) and T. H. Wamerdghi (GB), 7-5. 6-3. L. Courtois (Bel) and N. Febes (Bel) bit M. Chernovita (Indo) and F. M. Le O (Phill), 6-2. 6-1. people were telling women's tennis was feeble stuff: pat-ball.

People say that women deserve less money than men because they play only best of three sets. Then they say that women playing best of five sets would be dull. Most of us would have relished a couple more sets of that absorbing semi-final between Seles and Navratilova yesterday. Women certainly have

the endurance to play best of five - women run marathons, after all - and it is high time that, at least for semi-finals and finals, they played best of five in grand

People say that women's tennis is unathletic: lazy fat pigs, one male tennis player called them last week. Imagine the shock that would greet Seles were she to come out clad in a Flo-Jo lycra leotard. (Maybe 1 shouldn't have put the idea into her head, come to think of it.) A woman tennis player wearing anything other than a skirt greater an automatic skirt creates an automatic sensation at Wimbledon. Women tennis players

Seles in particular - are criticised for worrying too much about their images. But multi-national companies. seeking to appeal to millions of people all over the world. pay vast ammounts of money to female players who manage to combine competence and comeliness.

in short, then women tennis players are too tough, too soft, too weak, too powerful. too weedy, too butch, too and

7 omen's sport has always been a repository of incon-sistencies. Winning involves such qualities as grit, determination, strength, ambition and ruthlessness. There are plenty of people who are not altogether at ease with women who openly display such qualities, and any successful athlete cannot help

The canniest female athletes try to have it both ways. Evert was the best at that: she disguised her tigerish na-ture with pussycat mannerisms.

Seles goes all giggly as soon as she stops playing tennis, but it carries no conviction. The grunt gives her away every time. Every cry of huh-ihhhh reveals the truth: she is a brutal competitor. She is trying to stop grunt-

ing "It's been affecting her commercial Navratilova said. She been trying to make herself more attractive, and it's certainly not an attractive side." Sports attract vast audipetition strips the athletes

ences because intense combare of all pretence. But naked ambition in women is something some people still find hard to deal with. The "problem" comes down to this: Seles is ambition personified. Huh-IHHH!



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FOOTBALL BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP; Semi-finals: Group A: Flamengo 2, Vasco da Gama 0. Group B: São Paulo 1, Santos 0 **EVENING RACING** Haydock Park

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BRITAIN'S 17-strong entry in the Junior Wimbledon events has been whittled down to one survivor. Miles MacLagan kept the home flag flying by reaching the quarter-finals of the boys MacLagan, from Scotland,

beat Olivier Tauma, of France, 7-5, 6-3. Feeling equally happy at the net and the baseline. MacLagan's mental and physical strength saw him through. With no seed to face in the

next round, his path to the semi-finals has been made easier. MacLagan's success will come as compensation for narrowly failing to qualify for the main draw at Wimbledon in two consecutive years. it was not such a good day

for Barry Cowan. A member of the Rover school at Bisham Abbey for the past four years, he came up against the No. ! seed. Grant Doyle, from Australia. Cowan may have the build for grass-court tennis, standing oft 2in tall, but he found the going too quick against the Australian, losing

6-2, 6-2. In the girls' event, Britain's last representative, Shirli-Ann Siddall, was comprehen-

sively beaten by the aptlynamed Anna Smashnova, the No. 5 seed, 6-3, 6-0. At least Siddall can look

back on a good run during the last few weeks of the grass court season, reaching the third round at Beckenham and Edgbasion, the second round at Eastbourne and the main draw at Wimbledon, where she came unstuck against Claudia Porwick. in the main competition.

John McEnroe picked up where he left off against Guy Forget when he joined Michael Stich in the doubles. The pair proved too strong and too experienced for Paul

Harhuis and Mark Koevermans, of Holland, reaching the semi-finals with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory. ☐ Mariaan de Swardt, the South African who gave Steffi Graf plenty to worry about in the third-round at Wimbledon, has proved the hardest

onships so far. De Swart, 21, from Pretoria, hit one service which was timed at 108mph. In the men's tournament, the fastest service, travelling at 131 mph. came from Guy Forget of France. (AFP)

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situation where the outside of Century Theatre in Keswick, of course, is to fill all the seats. | age of gauche innocence and those who like their television |

McEnroe and Agassi battle for place in final



BY ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE last time three Americans reached the semi-finals of Wimbledon, John McEnroe was a mere 23 years old and Andre Agassi was still honing his service returns in his preteen days. Today, the pair, who have formed a firm and, some might say, dangerous liaison over the past six months, will cast aside their new found friendship and compete for a place in the final Wimbledon

Championships.

Whoever wins — and Agassi, the younger by I l years, is marginally the bookmaker's favourite — it is an unlikely and ordering the second of the second or unlikely and exhilarating tale,

different ways, they have disproved the theory that lawn tennis is a land peopled by giants with huge serves. Only Goran Ivanisevic, at 6ft 4in. matches that description, but. mercifully, predictability is not one of his vices, while the other three semi-finalists are 6ft or under, mere pygmies com-pared to last year when the smallest of the quartet was Stefan Edberg at 6ft 3in. This

Sampras in the second semifinal today - flows to the title on a tide of aces, we might have to think again. In destroying Boris Becker over two days with an astonishing succession of whiplash

returns. Agassi revived a

has to be good, though if Ivanisevic — who meets

back court many thought had passed with the retirement of Bjorn Borg. "I have not seen anyone on grass playing that kind of tennis." Becker said after his sixth straight defeat by the American.

McEnroe, who has been jogging a few memories of his own in the past 11 days, has already been reminded of another of his oldest rivals. "Jimmy Connors always returned my serve better than anyone, but Andre's taken over that mantle. He's probably the best returner in the game right now."

At roughly the time McEnroe was winning his third Wimbledon title in 1984, Agassi was standing on the baseline of the local courts

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from his father, which were delivered from ten feet inside the baseline. The practice ensured the quickness of reflex which left Becker, the famed "Boom Boom" Becker of yore, a picture of stumbling incompetence again yesterday.

If Becker thought the magic

racket overnight, his thinking proved as flawed as the statistics, which showed that the German had won his last nine five-set matches. Neither records nor Becker's formidable presence on centre court meant anything in the face of

Becker, 4-3 up in the fourth set overnight, safely levelled the match, but won just one of the first six games of the final set. Only when he stood on the verge of victory did Agassi falter. He missed four march points at 5-1 — the first on an overrule by the umpire — and only completed what he described as "one of the greatest achievements of my career" at the second attempt, winning 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. McEnroe had his moment

of crisis against Guy Forget, having to save six maint-points in the second set before running through the French-man's defences in straight sets. Ironically, McEnroe has been partly responsible for Agassi's assurance on grass this year as his practice partner since they played doubles together in Paris. What did Agassi learn? "He told me that, on grass, every shot counts. I had this habit of hitting neutral balls. like I was on clay. But grass isn't like that." Agassi replied. What about the other way round? "I think I'd be fooling myself if I thought John could learn more from me than I could from him."

With respect to Sampras and Ivanisevic, all eyes today will be on the all-American act, which has light and shade in every aspect. The past master v the young pretender. the natural grasscourter v the Borg-like baseliner, Las Vegas v New York, teacher v pupil "It's going to be nothing personal, just business, really."

Seles reaches her final hurdle

BY ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

WITH a whimper and a grunt. Monica Seles came to within one match of winning her first Wimbledon title and completing the third leg of the grand slam on the centre court yesterday. The top seed beat Martina Navratilova, as form suggested she would, but not with the conviction many expected.

Not until deep into the final set did Seles find enough pace or the consistency on her groundstrokes to dislodge Navratilova. She was told twice by the umpire to stop her grunting, after complaints by Navratilova, but the main distraction was provided by the strength and solidity of the former champion's serving and volleying.

She had promised to "give Seles some junk" and duly did so, mixing up the angles and slicing so hard and deep that Seles spent much of the afternoon trying to dig up passes from her ankles. For more than a moment, as the world No. I lost her usual deadeved accuracy, it seemed that the most fervent wishes of the centre court crowd would be Seles, still grunting, but a little breathless all the same, won 6-

2, 6-7, 6-4.
"I thought of talking to Monica about the grunting before the match." Navratilova said. "But she might think that was gamesmanship, so I was stuck, I took the easier way out without getting controversial. If you don't say something during the match, I'm the one who

In tomorrow's final she will meet the No. 2 seed and

defending champion, Steffi Graf, who can rarely have played better than she did in overpowering Gabriela Saba-tini in straight sets. Graf will have high hopes of gaining revenge for her recent defeat in the final of the French Open, because while Seles failed to find any rhythm on her famed passing shots, Graf looked a thoroughly efficient all-court player, dominating a strangely lethargic Sabatini from first to last.

Graf would not be drawn on her tactics to cope with the decibels in the final tomorrow. She did not complain during their lengthy final in Paris. "It's always been an issue, but it's the first time that the umpire has reacted to it. I think for some players it really France, but it got really loud at the end. We'll have to see," Graf said.

The physical presence, has always set which Navratilova apart from the rest on the centre court, was absent in the first set yesterday. She looked subdued, accepting, as if unable to believe she could win, which was surprising because her record against Seles is as good - or as bad, whichever way you look at it - as anyone else's in the game. If anything,

Seles has more trouble with the aging champion than she does with some of her poten-

The first set was all one way. Seles breaking in the first and seventh games and defying Navrtailova's attempts to make wisdom and experience bigger factors in the equation than power and the confidence of youth. Her self-belief grew as it became clear that this was not the relentlessly efficient Seles she had anticipated. Suddenly, there was more spring in her step, more sting in the volleys. Any sign of weakness on the Seles serve was countered with a charge to the net and where, in the opening half an hour, many of the approaches were long, she increasingly found the right

Seles, whose own service was underpowered, had to save break points in the fourth game and a set point in the tenth before desperately seeking the sanctuary of the tiebreak. She found none there, Navratilova, the No. 4 seed, volleying solidly, at times bril-liantly, and probing Seles's suspect passing shots.

She took the tie-break 7-3 and was only broken, for the first time in 18 games, in the sixth game of the final set. Twice she was broken, twice she recovered until Seles belatedly produced a series of rapier passes to break decisively for victory after nearly two

hours. She left the court to a standing ovation and with the air of someone who might not come back, but the impression proved false. "I am planning on being here next year." she said afterwards.

After the emotions of the first match, Graf and Sabatini never managed to emulate the drama of their final 12 months ago. That was because Graf was playing better and Sabatini much worse. Graf had 11 chances to break the Argentinian's notoriously suspect serve, but was impregna-ble on her own. One break in the first set, two in the second and Graf was through to her

fifth final in six years. ☐ About 100 centre court and court one tickets have been found to be invalid and confiscated during the champion-ships, the All England Club said yesterday. In one case, a vendor had charged E1.600 for four tickets with a face value of £36 each.

The clampdown comes after Wimbledon introduced measures last year to minimise sales on the black market.



Grand slam bound: Seles on her way to the Wimbledon final yesterday

Navratilova is beaten to the sound of Seles

By DAVID MILLER

MOST sports — football, rug-by, cricket, boxing — get into a mess if they do not uphold their own rules. If the regulations of tennis had been applied yesterday, Monica Seles would probably not have beaten Martina Navratilova. The world's No. I is currently making the game sound like

feeding time at the zoo.

The position is quite clear.
The hindrance rule, under regulation 4/3/3 of the Women's Tennis Association rule book, states that "any ... continuous disruption of regu-lar play such as grunting shall subject a player to a warning, and a penalty point there-after". Seles does not merely grunt on almost every stroke: she has a two-tone double-grunt which develops, when about to lose a critical point,

into a squeal of complaint. Seles was warned by the umpire twice, justifiably encouraged by Navretilova: at 2-Seles had served for 5-2 in the final set and been broken. Navratilova's complaint, she later explained, was less the distraction of a noise like strangled bagpipes than the fact that the sound of the opponent's racket on the ball. a key guide to velocity, was being drowned.

The critical game for Navratilova in a long and exciting match was the fifth in the final set. She had three break-points to lead 3-2 with her own service to follow: she won none. However, the one point of the match she would most like to have again, she said, was that at 15-30 when, at the end of a rally, she left a drive by Seles thinking it would be long. It had been struck less hard than she thought and was good.

Seles's vocal accompaniment is less offensive than all the nonsense which for years the sport needlessly endured from Nastase, Connors and McEnroe, but is incontestably an interference with the opponent's play. In the old amateur game, it would have been called bad manners. The rules, as always, provide an answer if officialdom only has

the will to impose it. Navratilova saliently made the point that Seles does not contradicts Seles's contention that she cannot help it. Seles further contends that Mc-Enroe and Agassi are unrestrained grunters, that she is being penalised specifically because she is a woman and the No. 1.

Seles would be more believable had her tactics not included a nasty piece of gamesmanship when leading 4-3 in the final set: with Navratilova serving break point down at 30-40, Seles. waiting to receive, was leaping a yard back and forth from left to right. Navratilova refused to serve, began her rhythm again and there was huge applause when she saved the point in a basetine rally.

Seles says that she will spend the winter "practising" the elimination of her melodic exhilation. She needs to, because it was clear where the neutral crowd's sympathy lay, as she may rediscover tomorpredominantly, decided Seles was expedient rather than girlishly amusing, though you could see the funny side: there were moments, rushing hither and thither in a continual howl of anguish that Seles seemed like some Disney character desperately baling out a sinking ship.

Navratilova, initially out-played, levelled at set-all, winning the tiebreak 7-3 with a succession of clenched, forearm gestures reminiscent of body-builders when photographed wearing little more than a clenched jaw smile. We knew that somewhere Virginia Wade would be telling listeners that "Martina is getting pumped up"; and although the view of Navratilova pumped up is one which many people seriously wish to avoid, there could be

no doubting the sympathy now flowing her way. She spoiled it a bit with her itsy-bitsy Marcean mime impersonations, but some sensational stop-vollies were leaving Seles stranded, physically and temperamently.

Ultimately, however, that two-fisted backhand, which comes at you like a Foreman left jab, proved even more damaging to the nine-times former champion than any

grunt when practising, which Dashing Sohail puts England's attack to flight

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THE other night, just down the road from Old Trafford, Greater Manchester police pulled off a covert operation codenamed Miracle. The task now confronting England's cricketers in this pivotal third Comhill Test could command the same name after a day on which the darkest suspicions about the poverty of their bowling were realised by an innings of rare abandon from

England took three wickets in the six-hour day and it might be argued they were fortunate to take so many. For the most part, Pakistan scored runs at will against bowling bereft of flair or penetration and fielding which recalled the bad old days in Australia two winters ago.

That this should happen on

David Gower's first day of Test cricket since that infamous tour was an unfortunate coincidence, but no more. Yesterday, while the nation waited to acclaim records from him, Gower could do nothing but stand and admire a lefthander after his own heart. Sohail is 25 and has a very

long way to go to rival Gower's achievements. But, by making 205 in a day, in only his fourth Test innings, he is going the right way about it. He came on this tour with two reputations, one for being an uninhibited shot-maker

ideal for one-day cricket, and the other for having a volatile temperament. Neither label seemed ideal for a Test match opener, but the faith invested in him has been handsomely rewarded.

England simply could not contain Sohail. He scored 60 in the morning session. 70 between lunch and tea and another 75 before, at 5.45pm, he aimed a tired drive at Chris Lewis and lost his off stump. No fewer than 128 of his runs OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

Pakistan won toss PAKISTAN: First Innings Bowled between bat and pad larniz Raja c Russell b Malcolm Extras (0 1, Ib 1, w 2, nb 2) Total (3 wkts, 90 overs, 361 min) ...

m Malir, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Wasm Akram, Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqer Younis and FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115 (Sohari 57), 2-241 (Sohari 126), 3-378 (Javed 56). BOWLING: Malcolm 20-2-72-1 (6-1-24-0, 6-0-26-1, 6-0-14-0, 2-1-8-0); Lewis 14-3-60-2 (nb 1, w 2) (4-1-17-0, 5-0-36-0, 3-1-5-1, 2-1-2-1), Munton 20-3-90-0 (nb 2) (7-1-36-0, 7-1-30-0, 6-1-24-0). Salisbury 20-0-117-0 (nb 1) (9-0-45-0, 4-0-33-0, 7-0-39-0); Gooch 13-1-30-0 (9-0-13-0, 4-1-17-0). Hick 3-0-17-0 (one spell).

ENGLAND: "GA Gooch, A.J. Stewart, M.A.Atherton, R.A.Smith, D.F.Gower, G.A.Hick, C.C. Lewis, TR.C. Russell, T.A. Munton, J.D.K. Salisbury, D.E. Malcolm, Umpires; R.Paimer and D.R. Shepherd

had come in fours and his driving, on the up and on either side of the wicket, was worthy of a far bigger audience than yesterday's inexplicably poor attendance.

Once he had negotiated a few alarms when the new ball bounced steeply. Sohail revelled on the pitch, which is true and fast. He also, it must be said, revelled against an attack which, on paper, had looked England's thinnest for years and, in practice, en-

dorsed the view. It is almost inconceivable that Pakistan's four-man at-

rack would have been so ineffectual and Javed Mian-dad was plainly torn between doing the logical and the adventurous when he won the toss. Dire day though it was for England, it might have been even worse had be chosen differently.

As it is, the equalising victory is already all but discounted and the rain forecast for today may only prevent Pakistan completing a total to allow Miandad and his bowlers full rein to attack.

Gooch had his preferred attacking field for less than an over, the time it took him to realise a third man was essential for Devon Malcolm on this pitch. Malcolm at his best would have been a handful but his length and line were inconsistent and his speed something short

frightening.
When Tim Munton, playing ahead of Derek Pringle, was summoned for his first Test bowl in the tenth over, Sohail was getting his range.

peared through mid-off for four and he finished the day with nought for 90, figures which might have been im-proved if Russell had moved to g an offside edge from Sohail when he had made 105 or gathered a leg-side edge on

Salisbury's day was still more chastening. Mislaying the compol he had shown at Lord's, he conceded runs at almost six an over, hurt a knee when diving to make a boundary save and suffered the crowning embarrassment, literally, when Smith lobbed the ball back and it hit him on the

All three completed partnerships have been worth over 100, Malcolm dividing the openers just before lunch. when Ramiz was caught behind, and Mujtaba curing langually to point just before tea. By then, Pakistan had shelved fleeting thoughts of making 500 in the day, the brake having been applied by a spell of time overs for 13 by. of all people, Gooch himself.



Has the modest Alfred Sisley been undervalued?

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My animals and other families

Gerald Durrell has not visited London zoo for years - he's too busy looking after his own, for one thing - but he would fight for it to continue as a window on the wild for urban children

erald Durrell sits on the terrace of his hillside house in the south of France, having a preprandial whisky and reading a book about the history of paper-making. There is not an animal in sight, unless you count ants, but I am here to ask him about the white elephant known as London 200, now in dire financial straits and fumbering through to November on a gift of £1 million from the Emir of Kuwait.

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Like many of us, Mr Durrell has not stepped inside London 200 for years. Our national zoo, founded in 1826 by Sir Starnford Raffles, lacks both lustre and contemporary appeal, even for a parent (me) of 200aged children living three miles from its gates. Well, we can all criticise, but have we ever tried to

Mr Durrell has, and with con-spicuous success. When he founded Jersey zoo in 1959 the word conservation was hardly invented, but he had a big idea: to collect endangered species, breed them in sufficient numbers to guarantee their survival, and return their offspring to the wild. People he calls "habitual zoo-goers" tell him his is the only 200 where the animals look

relaxed and happy.

Perhaps they like the gently undulating farmland in which the zoo is set, with ancient hedgerows and trees and a minimum of concrete. And the fact that they can picnic on the grass while flamingos-stroll past. Or that every inmate the marmoset from Brazil, the colony of lemurs, the family of gorillas, the cheetah in the paddock. and the wallabies in the eucalyptus groves, the Chinese pheasant and the Sumatran orang utan, has a story to be told by the master raconteur of animals. Mr Durrell's next book, The Aye Aye and I, will be about how he captured another rare and curious beast in the forests

He has left Jersey for the summer. to write in peace in Nimes, but it has rained for weeks. "We only had our first swim yesterday," he says mournfully. "If I got into the pool today I'd turn into a boy soprano."

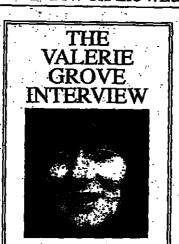
o we repaired indoors, to the room where his elder brother, the late Lawrence Durrell, wrote The Alexandria Quartet: this was his house. The junior Durrell is 67, expansive, white-bearded, and increasingly irreverent as lunch proceeds. "I've got a reporter here," he tells someone who rings, "stuffing her face with my food that I've been up since dawn cooking [quail casse-role, delicious] and she'll no doubt write something shitty about me."

The Darwin de nos jours sees himself as an endangered species, with his bionic hip implants and two lens implants: "carunculated" is the word he uses (like an elephant: gnarled). But he has a young, comely second wife; Lee, his zoological partner, a graduate of Bryn Mawr whose current study is the ploughshare tortoise of Madagascar. He likes to tell how he snared her as he might a truitbat. He had gone to Duke University in North Carolina to see the lemurs, and there was Lee McGeorge, the only beautiful zoologist on the campus, "like a lily in a lavatory". Later he "tricked her" into coming to Jersey, they married in the garden of her family's home in Memphis, Tennessee. For their tenth wedding anniversary he gave his arachnophile wife three

"I would fight tooth and nail for the survival of London zoo," Mr Durrell says, "as I would for St Paul's cathedral: it must stay, but in a different form. There are a lot of bad zoos. But when Florence Nightingale was confronted by bad hospitals, she didn't say. We must close them down', she said, 'Why

not make them better? This may seem like giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a dinosaur. It requires vision, leadership and money, not a council who sit around a table and moan. David Jones [the director of 2008] probably feels like a lonely piece of mince in a

plate of spaghetti."
The problem with big 19thcentury city zoos is that they were stationary circuses, or menageries, not designed for what we now know about animal behaviour. "Each zoo has to have its own special niche, its own objective. Our national zoo should be in the forefront of breeding programmes



of big, beautiful animals like the rhinoceros. If anybody in the government, most of whom couldn't distinguish a mouse from a giraffe, asked me what to do. I would say give London 200 the sort of stipend given to the major city zoos abroad and let them use their gate money for improvements. And give them a larger chunk of Regent's Park, which is only a repository for dog poo and courting

couples.

"London zoo has lumbered along, with cosmetic improvements like those awful Italian cemeteries where everyone tries to outdo each other with flowers and madonnas. Then the architects say their work must be preserved. But Luberkin's Mappin terraces are the most horrific things ever devised, there are the brutalist concrete elephant house and the aviary ... half the buildings are archaic and useless

and loved only by architects, who should all be shot at birth."

Of rescue plans such as that proposed by the Laing consortium, which this week brought the American architect Peter Chermeyeff to London with his

£61 million plan for a vast walk-through rainforest terraces, Mr Durrell says: "These people must be watched carefully, or before you know it you'll have a Disneyland in Regent's Park with plastic baobob trees that look 2,000 years old. You have and loved only to ask who you are designing it for — the people or the animals? In Jersey we design for the animals: people

can come and watch if they want." Like young Al-bert Ramsbottom in Stanley Hollo-

way's monologue, who found Wal-lace the somnolent lion "lying so peaceful" which "didn't seem right to the child", the modern brat, raised on David Attenborough films and safari parks, demands something more thrilling — although, as Mr Durrell rightly says: "In a safari park it is the human beings who are confined." Television programmes have opened up the wildlife world, but they cannot recreate the actual feeling of being near the marvellous majesty of the whale, the dimensions of

bloody goldfish. City 200s are the only access they have to nature. They can't go on grand safaris to East Africa: and this is true even in Africa, where they can't afford to go up-country to see an elephant. In Zimbabwe I was given a present of two beautiful birds created out of scrap metal by an African artist. So I asked him to make me a pair of giraffe. But he couldn't do in he'd never seen a giraffe." I mention the wretched polar

bear in Regent's Park which for years did nothing but slope to and fro, giving neurotic twists of the head, pathetically deprived of an ice floe, but Mr Durrell regards objections to the caging of animals as imbecilic do people think animals in cages are being deprived of taking a holiday on the Costa del Sol? "Half of them have never kept a hamster: they know nothing of keeping animals in captivity. They don't know what bountiful Mother Nature is like: that you have to look over your shoulder just to exist. search for your food, protect your young — I mean it's worse than living in Liverpool. They may think all animals ought to go back to Mum Nature, but she is a bloody hard taskmaster."

The word "zoo" was the first he spoke, his mother said. At two, still living in India, he would go with his ayah to the Jamshedpur zoo with its moth-eaten, malodorous exhibits. When the family settled on the island of Corfu he began collecting minnows, woodlice, slugs scorpions, as related in My Family and Other Animals, now a set text in many schools. "That book", he says, taking another slice of creamy chèvre, "has kept me in cheese ever since."

What beguiles readers is the idea of the English boy free to roam the Mediterranean dunes and olive groves: accepting a gull from a murderer in Corfu's prison, catching terrapins and lizards. Few

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could emulate this idyll, but he thinks every child should realise it is just as absorbing to study buildings at the earwig as the elephant; that every London zoo puddle is a teeming are archaic

zoological began in when he career went to Whipsnade as a dogsbody, or student keeper, and graduated from caterpillars and hedgehogs to ele-phants and tigers. "The keepers who should all keepers askance because l wrote notes the whole time to me all the animals

public menace.

Mr Durrell cannot speak of an

animal without painting a graphic

word-picture of it. He shudders at

anthropomorphism (he hates

nails, or that he is very fond of the

toad family: "Quiet, well-mannered

creatures with nice characteristics."
"His writing style", as his brother
Lawrence once said, "is like fresh.

crisp lettuce." When he first went to California he asked to see two

things: the sea otters and Charles Schulz, the creator of Charlie

Brown - Mr Durrell is a great

Snoopy fan - and was enchanted

were personalities." When he was 21 he inherited £3,000 from his father, who had died whan he was two; it financed his first animal-collecting expedi-tion to the tropics. His elder brother told him to write about it. ("Of course if I could write novels I'd be a millionaire by now. I'd be a Lord.

So he produced The Overloaded Ark, his first book, an instant success in 1953. Who could forget his tale of Cholmondeley (known as Chumley), the chimpanzee he met in the British Cameroons before

seemed to have "a glitter of ironic publisher, Sir Rupert Hart-Davis, laughter in their depths". He would for a loan of £25,000 to start his loll on the sofa, drinking tea from a zoo. "I said: 'It will provide me with colossal tin mug and smoking a endless material for books. It's an investment, my dear fellow." Sir cigarette, which he could light with Rupert obliged, and Mr Durrell is a lighter, blowing smoke out of his

nostrils, wearing his chain of captivity with the air of a Lord undyingly grateful.

His charming zoo was to have been sited outside Bournemouth (to Mayor. One day Chumley downed a bottle of beer, which made him tap tourists) but the local panianturn drunken somersaults. drums defeated him; Jersey gave all Durrell later visited him at the 200, where he was happy and days of his finding the perfect old popular: he even became a telemanor house, Les Augres, in rolling parkland, later augmented by buying the estate next door. The vision star. But twice he broke open his cage and absconded across Regent's Park; the first time he got whole story, he says, has been a series of little mirades he calls on a bus and bit a passenger; the second time Chumley was shot as a Durrell's luck.

e found his own Emir of Kuwait-like benefactor in the person of Edward Whitley, a Black Beauty for its erroneous picture of the horse) but reserves the right to say a creature looks like a washerwoman with ingrown toeyoung writer whose great-uncle Herbert founded Paignton zoo. "He came to see me in Jersey with his wife Araminta and they said they liked what we were doing and would like to give us some money and I thought he meant £300. Well, it turned out it was a million quid, from his family trust."

Mr Whitley's munificence under-writes the training centre, which trains people to ensure the safe return of threatened species to their native habitat. Mr Whitley accompanied the trainees and went with Mr Durrell to Madagascar to rescue lemurs from the cookingpot. There is now a Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology (Dice) at the University of Kent, and for anyone wanting to save a particular species there is Jersey 200's Save Animals From Extinction (Safe) fund, "But no one likes the acronym Safe," Mr Durrell says. "It sounds like a condom."

Londoners would dearly love to feel civic pride in their 200, of the kind enjoyed by citizens of Vancouver. San Diego, Monterey, Tokyo or Auckland, who whisk visitors to see whales and dolphins and sharks performing what Americans insist on calling "behaviours".

But even the Durrells found their gate down by 30 per cent last year. The recession? Or a growing preference for family outings of low cultural content, such as fair-grounds? Limil the 1950s, crowds thronged to London zoo on high days and holidays: but that was before Attenborough, Longleat li-ons, safari parks, theme parks, leisure parks. On Good Friday, the Princess of Wales again took her sons to Thorpe Park, in Surrey,

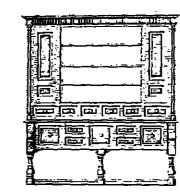
"It's sad that nobody seems to understand the increasing future importance of zoos", Mr Durrell says. "as reserves of rare animals from which we can draw to replenish the wild. If there is a wild to replenish."

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Nath's Prosam in the second modulation He directs Shalkespeare's A Midstammer Might's Dream, in the second production ever to be staged at the National Jeffery Aussian plays Oberon, Sally Deater is cast as Titanua and Timothy Spall plays Bottom. The play opens on Thursday (see leature, page 3). Oilvier Theatre, South Bank, London SET (071-928-2252), previews toriight, temperature, 2 Li Serie. PLATFORM 2: The lestwal ends with a "new music marathon", an extraordinary event offering so hours of non-stop performance. Gary Cooper,

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MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

and directed by Michael Tolkin

◆ SLEEPWALKERS (18) Absurd.

bungled horror move written by Stephen Fing Brian Krause as a

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

former organ schular at New College, Oxford begins with a programme of Messaen, the Duflay Conson follow with a concert dominated by the music of John Tavener ("pm); the bion Ensemble take over at 9pm in a programme featuring premiers by Magnus Lindberg and Finnissy; mezzo soprano Loré Loenberg supplies a programme of poetry and song recting Crumb's Apparations, a setting of Walt Whitman's poetry together with Cage's settings of the poetry of e.e. cummings, classical accordionist James Crabb continues with a mixed concert including Gubardulina's De Profundis; and the evening ends in a candleft performance of Stoch hausen's Simmung by Songarde under the direction of Gregory Rose Statistics in the Sielder, Torfator.

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only Seats at all prices

King's Head, 115 Upper Street, NI (071-226 1916), Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3 30pm, 120mms.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stock and Channing recreates her role as the nch New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 90mins

☐ A SUP OF THE TONGUE: A wolfish John Malkowch in a lightweight drama that seems to equate East-European disadence with getting girls into bed. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Thurs, Bpm, Fn, 6pm and 9pm, Sat, 4,30pm and 8,30pm, 150mms. ☐ THE SOUND OF MUSIC: Nurs. Nazs, squeat y-clean tots and drops of golden sun: a sweet holiday from the real world. With Liz Robertson and Christopher Cazenove. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 1071-278 8916) Tues-Sat, 7.30pm,

nats Tues, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm STRAIGHT AND NARROW: Nicholas Lynchurst, Neil Daglish and Carmel McSharry in likeable comedy about a doting mother's womes, notably her

(071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorroi 7 30pm, mat tomorrow, 2 15pm 170mms PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COME!: Affectionale comedy of an Insh intercourse Milnerva Theatre, Qaklands Park, Chighester (0243 781312), torught, 7 45pm, then in repertoire.

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LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL PESTIVAL: INVERPOOL CATHEDRAL TO 1149-40
The festival opens with a performance of British's Year Requert by the Royal Inverpool Patharmonic, joined by the RLPO Chair, Inverpool Cathedral Singers and Chour and Master Churale from Cathedral, and continues with organ reotals and classical concerts Liverpool Cathedral, Liverpool (051-709 6271/708 8471), tomorrow-kdy 19

BHEICI MSELEK: The South African plants heads a powerful Ineup featuring Charnett Morfest, Marvin Stave Williamson and Eddie Parker. Expect a compelling mixture of pazz, latin and township played with verve lazz Cafe, Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358), temorrows, 8,30pm.

MIKE AND KATE WESTBROOK: This respected planist, composer and arranger works with his talented singer whe to create grandose jazz projects, recently with a classical bent. They play here with the new 20-piece Mike Westbrook Orchestra. Westbrook Orchestra. Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London N 1 (071-439 0747), torright, tomorrow

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL: The month-long festival takes place in venues, across the City opening on Sunday with a Sung Eurcharist at St. Paul's Cathedral by the City of London Sinfona under John Scott (10am) On Sunday evening 17,30pm. the London Symphony Onchestra gives a Bathican concert featuring excerpts from Porgy and Bess and Tappert's A Child in Our Time Laker appearances by Die Kammermusiker Zünch (Tives, Drapers' Half), Katia and Manelle Labeque (Wed, Merchant Taylors' Half), The Dubliners (Fr. Barbican). CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL: The Festival Box Office: 071-248 4260. Until July 22.

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THE FIVE HEARTBEATS (15) Bland

but good-natured tale of a black rock in roll group's American Journey. Robert Townsend writes, directs, and stars with Michael Wright, Tico Wells

ce Charles (071-437 8181).

HOWARDS END (PG) Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding tambles with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma

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THE LONG DAY CLOSES (12), Torence

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CURRENT

THEATRE

Risks rewarded by enchantment

SHAKESPEARE threw down quite a challenge when he penned that fam-ous instruction, "exit, pursued by a bear". Many are the ursine possibilities open to directors. I have seen Antigonus chased offstage by bruins large and small, smooth and grizzly, realisti cally aggressive and disconcertingly symbolic. I have even seen the poor man picked up and cradled by a tenfoot-tall polar bear that, by some miracle of theatrical geography, had found its way from Lapland to Bohemia. But I have never seen the encounter staged as thoughtfully or as oddly as Adrian Noble stages it for the

Royal Shakespeare Company. Noble's bear pads hulkily onstage just after Andrew Jarvis's Antigonus has set down Perdita, the infant rejected and banished by her father Leontes. The monster sniffs at the baby, as if pondering an appetiser, and she gives a tiny, doll-like bleat. Antigonus stands his ground, ready to protect her. Then down from the flies, white silks billowing, floats a phantasm. vaguely recognisable as Perdita's mother, Hermione. Exit Antigonus, exit bear. The child is saved.

To be honest, the hovering mum is a bit preposterous. Yet at least Noble is prepared to take imaginative risks and. unlike most directors in these rationalist times, at least he realises that supernal powers play a vital part in The Winter's Tale. At best, there is magic and wonder in his production.

The literal-minded side of me could not see why Leontes had put Hermione on trial for infidelity in a barren field in a rainstorm. But when retributive lightning scattered his courtiers and a violent wind sent them and their umbrellas spinning, well, my more credulous side approved.

The first half is the weaker, perhaps because John Nettles's Leontes has yet

The Winter's Tale Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford

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to find the necessary intensity of monomaniac jealousy. His manner is surprisingly genial at first and, though there are moments when the voice becomes thick or scrambled, his geniality turns out not to conceal the full horror and disgust of someone who has "drunk and seen the spider" in his ontological glass. When he tries to show obsessive emotion, as when he publicly refuses to raise the supposed bastard, Perdita, he flings his arms aloft and becomes orotund. Authentic feeling is left to Samantha Bond's Hermione, who defends herself with a forceful dignity, and to Gemma Jones's Paulina, a formidable lady when she puts her hands on her hips and lets rip at Leontes.

The production takes off in the second half, at times in the most literal way. Quite what balloons mean to Noble I am not sure joy, uplift and enchantment, perhaps. At any rate, he introduced plenty of them for the birthday party with which he opened the play, then banished them from the stage, and now brings them back in abundance. Autolycus arrives dangling from a vast cluster of airborne green balloons. The sheep-shearing festival becomes a village fête, complete with red, blue and yellow balloons. Balloons have a comic role to play in a sedately phallic dance. The chorus, Time, makes no physical appearance, but instead leaves Benjamin Whitrow's Camillo to read a speech that has arrived by, yes, carrier-balloon.

Noble's lively handling of his 1930s or 1940s costumes and props adds to



John Nettles and Gemma Jones: genial Leontes, formidable Paulina

the upbeat feel. So does Richard McCabe's Autolycus, exuding rubberyfaced glee as he relieves passing dupes of everything from watches to bikes. Yet Noble passes the big test, which is to make the play's shift from emotional winter to spiritual spring moving as well as fun. There was an audible

sniffing around me as Nettles's Leontes: more powerful in rheumy. grizzled regret than in rage, embraced those he had wronged and lost "My heart wept blood," remarked a lord. Well, not quite; but nearly.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

LONDON OPERA FESTIVAL

Cut against the grain

Semiramide Riverside Studios. Hammersmith

POCKET Opera of Nuremberg specialises in cut-down performances, after the manner of the Stockholm Folkoperan and, occasionally, our own City of Birmingham Touring Opera. but at a rather lower level. An Aida brought to London six years ago was a moderately diverting essay in the art of coarse opera performance, and a oneevening Ring has been widely toured. But this Semiramide should, like Miss Adelaide's mink, be returned to from whence it came at the earliest opportunity.

It was not the cutting of about a third of the score that one objected to, or the re-scoring for a band of six plus synthesizer, though it would have helped if the players had not been quite so bad. At one point they stopped for a tuning session — a precauzione inutile.

given that half the cast was no more in tune than the players were. Neither the Assur nor the Idreno should, I think, be plying their trade before a paying public.

That the only two decent singers were British was a source of some pride: Jennifer Rhys-Davies had a good bash at the title role and was ioined by Kate McCarney in a sizeable chunk of the duet with Arsace. Nor was the Ubu-style production better or worse than many another, though I could have done without the mime playing Azema, who pranced about pulling silly faces and waggled her unexceptional posterior at the audience while her betters were singing.

The performance was multilingual, and the English bits had a ghastly fifth-form facetiousness. But Semiramide singing "You plonkers, pin your ears back" proved beyond any doubt that the performance was breaking the first can do more or less anything you like except hold up other people's work to ridicule. The sheer withessness of the mockery here compounded the offence, Shortly afterwards there was an interval, of which I and many others took joyful advantage.

RODNEY MILNES | everyday clothes and no character

Course with obstacles

The Rake's Progress Blackheath Concert Hall

ONE feared for a certain celebrated baritone when reading that Thomas Allen was cast for Stravinsky's tenor role of Tom Rakewell in The Rake's Progress. This one, however, proved to be from New York, among the young singers and orchestral players from the Britten-Pears School at Snape, whose summer course each year culminates in operatic performance.

Twenty-four hours after appearing at the Aldeburgh Festival, they all came south for this "operatic weekthe intended development of staged opera here must be improved sight lines from seats on an unraked floor with the orchestra on the same level.

Not that there was much to see in Julia Hollander's grievously lit staging. less a production than an obstaclecourse for singers wearing mostly

makeup, apart from Baba the Turk's beard. The 30-strong chorus in evening dress was sometimes part of the action, sometimes not, but sang well under Roderick Brydon, whose conducting generated more spirit after a lacklustre first act.

Louise Crane had the most equivocal role as Mother Goose in a slinky red strapless number, wearing a mortarboard to teach Torn his brothel lessons. snapping a condom expectantly, and being left sitting astride him throughout the next scene. With nothing more to sing thereafter, she was kept employed as part-time scene shifter, props lady and general assistant to Nick Shadow.

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He was expressively sung by Charles Gibbs with a touch of diabolic menace, controlling the destiny of Allen's plaintive Tom to an ultimate madhouse scene more poignant than tragic. Frances Young's Ann Trulove revealed Deborah Hawksley was a silky-voiced Baba. Vernon Kirk's Sellem had the verbal advantage of conducting his auction from the floor of the hall, in front of an orchestra whose balance was only gradually brought to terms with the resonant acoustics.

NOEL GOODWIN

CONCERTS

Welcome new departures

Water and Hot Air. gave the most promising hint of what this instrument is Platform 2 **ICA**

Disappeared was the only premiere here. Based on a traditional Gaelic lament-lullaby, the piece just failed to capture the ghostly, mystic flavour. intended, though Nicolson commands an impressive armoury of colouristic

and dramatic effects. Karl Aage Rasmussen's recent Parts Apart is a deconstruction and reconstruction of Bach's organ variations on Von Himmel hoch (and of Stravinsky's

1956 adaptation). It sounded horribly dry and worthy until the final movement, where the players hit drums, stamped feet, honked car horns and shouted disembodied syllables.

The programme was framed by Xenakis, whose seventieth birthday the series is celebrating. First came Epicycles (1989) for cello (the excellent Oystein Birkeland) and ensemble: a curiously soft-edged, modal-sounding work. Last came Waarg (1988), a chunky edifice of rough-cut granite. boldly shaped in sometimes repetitious patterns. Beside the ultra-refinement of Simon Holt's exquisite Kites it seemed positively crude.

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◆ THE PLAYBOYS (12): Love and jeakousy in an Insh village in 1957. Strong performances (Albert Finney, Robin Wright, Aidan Quinn), but too much blamey. Director, Gillies

much blame, Director, Gilles MacKinnon. Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MiGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MiGM Haymarket (071-339 1527) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons Kansington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915583).

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For all the entenainment value of works by Ketil Hvoslef and Nils Marthinsen, Staffan Mossenmark's two new pieces (or were they two movements of the same piece?). Calm

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Repressed soul drawn to the light

Has the 'English Impressionist' been undervalued? Richard Cork assesses the work of Alfred Sisley, whose paintings are now on show at the Royal Academy

always suffered in comnanson with the other Impressionists. Monet. Renoir and Pissarro were all robust individuals, however committed they may once have been to a group initiative. Sisley, by contrast, seems moderate to a fault. His paintings lack the instantly recognisable stamp that singles out an artist from all his like minded

But are we unfair in relegating Sisley to a minor place in the ssionist pantheon? He did, after all, paint almost 900 pictures before cancer of the throat killed him at 60. Assembling the highlights of this prolific career might force us to think again about an achievement which Marisse described as "a moment of nature".

Recognising that Sisley was an uneven artist, the Royal Academy has limited its survey to a choice array of just over 70 canvases. The spareness of the selection pays off. Hung in the pellucid white chambers of Sir Norman Foster's delectable Sackler Galleries, Sisley is seen throughout only at his best.

Precisely because he has been overshadowed by his allies, the audacity of his conversion to Impressionism is often overlooked. But the survey discloses that he made an enormous leap when moving, in the 1870s, away from his early landscapes. While attracted to the refreshing realism of the much of his work. Barbizon School, the young Sisley favoured a disappointingly dark tonality in his forest scenes. Concentrating in a large picture on an avenue of chestnut trees near La Celle Saint-Cloud, he excluded the every impulsive stab of the brush, as light to such an extent that the he defily summarises the fat little

If we strain our eyes and peer into the shadows, a Courbet-like deer can be detected. But the animal's presence fails to alleviate the dour- force rather than something mert.

nglish by birth but let the sky play a more potent role seems all the more puzzling in view of his subsequent development.

At this stage, he carried out his work as doggedly as the peasant chopping branches in another early painting. Even when Sisley es caped from the forest, and tackled an extensive view of Montmartre from the Cité des Fleurs, the outcome was plodding. Nothing could be more joyless than the deadened sky hanging over this oppressive panorama, where the foreground is dominated by the starved forms of saplings as they struggle to survive in the bare. uninviting earth.

With hindsight, we can see just how repressed Sisley's response to nature remained in the late 1860s. But the end of the decade coincided with his determination, along with such friends as Renoir and Monet. to let his art be invaded by simlight, wind and the vivacity of a continwind and the vivacity of a communally changing landscape. Deciding to terminate his brief engagement with the urban scene. Sistey moved away from Paris and sear-rup, his easel in provincial

riverside locations.
The transformation of his art was swift and spectacular. By 1872, two years before the First Impressionist Exhibition, he had liberated his imagination with extraordinary panache. Look at the superb Bridge of Villeneuve la Garenne, where the sky is at last permitted to assume the importance it would enjoy in so

Large areas of untroubled blue allow the sun to bit the façade of the central house, so that its white walls sing out with luminous clarity. Sisky's high spirits can be sensed in marks, rejoices in the breeze-nuffled surface of the water below. Nature is now seen as a living

ness, and Sisley's unwillingness to But Sisley does not succumb to



The Bridge of Villeneuve-la-Garenne. 1872: Sisley's high spirits can be sensed in every impulsive stab of the brush

flimsiness in his search for the animating pulse of the locales he scrutinises. In the same year, a painting called Village on the banks of the Seine frames the composition with foreground trees almost as sturdily constructed as Cézanne's. They provide an ideal foil for the imerplay of water, sky and sun-dappled ground beyond.

udging by the paintings gathered here, 1872 was for Sisley an annus mirabilis. Confronted by the challenge of depicting a flood at Port-Marly, he resorted to an unprecedented amount of austerity. The most prominent forms are a stripped winter tree and, next to it, a cable stanchion. Juxtaposing the natural and the man-made, Sisley makes their reflections as solid as the forms themselves. Their lean verticality is thereby permitted to travel from the top of the canvas to the bottom, lending the entire design a rigour which Mondrian would have relished.

Sisley comes across here as a claimed. And during a three-month visit to England in 1874, he moved even further in the direction of a stem pictorial order. At Hampton Court, where some of his finest work was produced, he ignored the beguiling Tudor archi-tecture in favour of a recently built

The most arresting picture con-centrates on the underbelly of this resolutely modern structure. Between the nearest set of pillars, a boat nestles in a cool, shadowy berth. Its summertime indolence is contrasted with the bright, quick, straining figures of the white-vested rowers beyond. Brilliam in the sunglare, they nevertheless seem evanescent up against the nave-like dignity of the bridge supports.

If Sisley had pursued this passion for structural authority in the years to come, he might have been at the forefront of efforts in the 1880s to stiffen Impressionism's fleeting lyricism with order and permanence. But while most of his contemporaries followed that path, he remained content with a supple, unassuming appraisal of the thing seen.

Without his untiring interest in

shifts of climate, seasons and times of day, Sisley's work of this period would seem monotonous. Formally ve as an artist, his a to early Impressionist principles might have become predictable. He was never driven by the restlessness that galvanised his allies, with their perpenual need to revise and extend the achievements of the 1870s. But if he seems restricted in scope, Sisley's attentiveness to the caught moment gives his work a contin-

Although a small study of Snow at Louveciennes seems simple enough, the painting is wonderfully alive to the dense, muffled purity of the lane while a solitary woman moves through the enveloping whiteness. Sisley's brush becomes unusually free above the walls. where snow-laden branches are rendered as an excited flurry of crisply defined arcs lancing through the softness around them.

nlike some of his contemporaries, he did not enjoy an innovative late phase Settling in the ancient town of Moret-sur-Loing, which he described to Monet as "rather a chocolate-box landscape". Sisley embarked on a sequence of paintings of the church. Comparisons with Monet's series of Rouen Cathedral façades are inevitable, and unfavourable to Sisley. Even when glistening from a recen downpour or assailed by the full power of the sun, his church never threatens to dissolve in light. Monet's encrusted visions are ethereal; Sisley's remain earthbound.

Sisley looks cautious when measured against the constantly adven-turous Monet, and I found myself wondering why he did not push his art further away from customary procedures in the 1890s. "What is Sisley?" grumbled Signac, before concluding: "a prettified, bourgeois version of Moner". But perhaps the two men should not be so automatically set in competition with each other. Sisley's lack of pretension has its charm, and the signs are that he wanted to consolidate rather than

experiment in his final years.

The paintings of Moret, where slabs of medieval masonry seem embedded in the calm water, are the most solid images he ever produced. They may lack his former vivacity, but Sisley was engaged in an honourable attempt to stiffen Impressionism with a sense of impregnable grandeur. The Royal Academy's well-timed summer offering enables us to understand that last ambition more clearly, and view the modest triumphs of his entire career with sympathy, respect and pleasure.

● Alfred Sisley is at the Royal Academy. Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438) until October 18. In tomorrow's Times Saturday Review, Richard Cork re-assesses the Impressionists love affair with London.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

ORIENTAL GARDENS: The whole range of Asian gardens is considered in this show, from Turkey to Japan. The ideal garden of the Near East, a formal distillation of unruly nature into order and symmetry, contrasts strongly with the Far Eastern notion of the garden as a miniature reproduction of nature.

British Library, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-323 7595). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Sun, 2.30-6pm, until September 27.

● ANNE REDPATH: Though

recognised as one of the finest of 20th-century Sconish artists, Anne Redpath has never been as familiar as she deserves south of the border. The centenary of her birth falls in 1995, and will no doubt be marked by a substantial retrospective. Meanwhile here is a small but dating from all periods of her career, including two rare land-scapes from the early Thirties as well as fine examples of her later jewel-like encrustations of colour. Duncan R. Miller, 17 Flask Walk. Hampstead, NW3 (071-435 5462). Mon-Sat, Ham-6pm, Sun, 1-Spm, until July 25.

● PAUL HELLEU: Few artists summon up the lost world of Marcel Proust more vividly than Helleu. Though he did paint, he seems to have kept the best of himself for his prints, and was certainly one of the most brillians practitioners of the tricky art of the drypoint, and specialised particularly in depicting beautiful and

Lumley Cazalet, 24 Davies Street, W1 (071-491 4767). Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm, until July 24.

 MASTER DRAWINGS: An annual excitement of summer is Colnaghi's show of Old Master and 19th-century drawings. This year the new discoveries include a splendid Pontormo sketch for the head of a man in the National Gallery's Joseph in Egypt and a study of an old woman by Parmigianino.

Colnaghi, 14 Old Bond Street, London W1 (071-491 7408). Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm, until July

• FLOW FROM THE FAR EAST: So little is known in Europe about new Korean art that it is hard to say how representative this selection of four painters is. Dai Won Lee, the oldest, is bright and colourful, clearly shaped by traditional Korean subject matter. Chong Hyun Ha, at the other extreme, goes in for monochromatic paintings.

Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon-Sat, 10am-7.30pm, Sun, midday-7.30pm, until July 22.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

end of "High Heel Blues", a

self-mocking a cappella la-

ment about the side-effects of

wearing fashionable footwear.

NEW THEATRES

Comfort stages a comeback

ontemporary theatrical architecture is becoming adaptable, inviting and as intimate as Georgian playhouses. The latest example is in Edinburgh, where the Traverse Theatre has shed its old constricting duak and slipped into something more comfortable: a purpose built subterranean playhouse with two auditoriums and air conditioning. The first production in the new house - a new play about Christopher Columbus by Michael Geleste - opens

tonight. Neatly tucked next to Edinburgh's Usher Hall in Cambridge Street, the new Traverse is reached via a dramatic turret-like structure called The Drum - echoes of the Elizabethan playhouse— and then by stairs or lift leading into the hub of activity

"A particular concern was getting the audience very close to the stage," says Nicholas Groves-Raines, the architect of the building, which Edin-burgh District Council has fitted out at a cost of £3.4 million. "With only five rows in any of the in-the-round or transverse arrangements, and with a steep rake, the relationship to the stage is very immediate."

Its intimacy is shared by many contemporary venues. London's Orange Tree and Tricycle Theatre have both been rebuilt and modelled on a "courtyard" design, with the audience wrapped round the actors in semi-circular galleries. Next year, the Croydon Warehouse may no longer he housed in a warehouse. The present building is due to be demolished and replaced with an office block, while a new flexible playhouse with a "slightly art deco feel", accord-

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The grim, concrete boxes that dominated 1960s theatre architecture are now being abandoned in favour of more intimate.

flexible spaces, writes Joseph Williams



Getting closer to the action: Nicholas Groves-Raines

ing to Edward Craig, the artistic director at the Warehouse, will be constructed on a nearby site.
Today's theatres are not as

elaborate as the Alhambras. Grands and Empires of yesteryear, but they are no functionalist or brutalist behemoths either. The acclaimed Leeds West Yorkshire Playhouse, which opened in 1990 at a cost of over £13 million, boasts patterned brickwork, bays,

and overhanging roof.
We needed a building that was approachable, but not offputting," says William Wes-ton, executive director of the Playhouse. "You can get a situation where the outside of the building can overawe the audience and overshadow the experience - a good example is the Sydney Opera House." But the theatrical experience

is greatly enhanced by an attractive playhouse. "An ar-chitect should certainly have an understanding of drama, of the total effect of theatre, the world of theatre," says Groves-Raines. "Even the Traverse bar, which we saw as an extension of the theatre space, should be a transition from the world outside to the world of

Pushing audiences closer to actors is a priority for a proposed new building for the Century Theatre in Keswick,

Cumbria, where stars such as Bob Hoskins and Tom Courtenay once cut their teeth. Jeanette MacDonald. Two architectural models -But it would be a mistake to Georgian and Ancient Greek were mooted. Alan Forsyth, of Benson and Forsyth, which has been awarded planning permission for the new building, says architects increasing-

this triangular relationship between yourself, other members of the audience, and what's happening on stage." Theatres also require complete flexibility of seating arrangements. A studio theatre completed last Christmas at Carshalton in Surrey can be adapted to eight formats, including single direction and theatre-in-the-round. With its mobile seating. Northampton's Derngate Centre can

change from concert hall to

ly consider the intimacy of modern productions: "You

can be the only person in a cinema and enjoy the movie. but not in the theatre: there's

proscenium stage to trade and exhibition centre. But can adaptability be tak-en too far? "The danger with flexible spaces is that you can get something banal and anodyne," says Axel Burrough, a director at Levitt Bernstein Associates, which built the Wilde Theatre in Bracknell, Berkshire, and Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre in the Seventies. "Unless they are well designed, flexible spaces tend not to give you that tingle down the spine that you get from the old Victorian

That "tingle down the spine" has been a part of the Traverse experience for more than 25 years. How will writers, actors and audiences so used to rubbing shoulders in a cramped but creative atmosphere - take to a high tech modern playhouse? The intimacy of the new auditoriums - about 250 and 100 sears respectively - should

help preserve the atmosphere. But the fact remains that the company, as Groves-Raines says, "needed to move on, otherwise they would stagnate." The new Traverse is not only a purpose-built theatre for new writing, but flexible enough to adapt to dance and even film. The challenge now. of course, is to fill all the seats.

ello, young lovers. Concert-goers with no romantic attach ments will feel out of place at a performance by Tuck Andress and Patti Catheart. With 11 years of marriage behind them, the San Francisco duo can come across as the most contented pair of soulmates since Nelson Eddy and

dismiss them just because of that. The truth is that Cathcart (who takes care of all the vocals) is endowed with an extraordinarily soulful voice, a genuine spine-tingler reminiscent of Sarah Vaughan without the theatrics. Her husband, a self-taught guitarist, possesses an ingenious percussive technique which criss-crosses the boundaries

Lovey-dovey at the double

JAZZ

f folk, rock and jazz. Together they would make an unforgettable impression in an intimate club. The Festival Hall, on the other hand, is a forbidding venue for a duo whose only props are a guitar amp, a stool, a bottle of water and a discreet lighting rig. In the event they came through in some style, though after more than 90 minutes they were close to exhausting all the permutations.

Horace Silver's miniature, "Togetherness", set them off on a wistfully romantic note, in a set which was an appealing mix of well-known and obscure songs. Cathcart gave a haunting version of "In My Life", and hearing her on "They Can't Take That Away From Me", you couldn't help wishing that she would take on show tunes more often.

A woman of diva-like build. she slipped off her shoes at the

She was equally assured on Willie Dixon's "The Voodoo Music" and the Cyndi Lauper hit "Time After Time". Not all the pieces were quite so memorable, and in this stark format any sub-standard lyrics stood out all the more clearly. Cathcart's habit of building to a climax by repeating

phrases at length was also subject to sharply diminishing returns, as if she was unsure how to find her way out of the song. On the new album she is credited as sole arranger, drafting in a more experienced hand might make a big difference.

CLIVE DAVIS

TELEVISION REVIEW

Hats off to the dos and don'ts

ith the hot fashion for punning in the titles of television programmes, you naturally assume that a programme called Heavy Petting is going to tell you how to care for your pet hippo, what to feed a house-trained sow and whether current etiquette allows your aardvark to share your duvet. In fact the programme (one of Channel 4's True Stories). turned out to be a documentary by Obie Benz about sex and foreplay in Fifties and early

Sixties America

Clips from newsreels and educational films about sex, sluts and social norms were intercut with present-day interviews with such luminaries as David Byrne, the singer, the comic Sandra Bernhard, and William Burroughs, the writer, about their first sexual experiences. A soundtrack of pop classics of that period turned the programme into a cross between American Graf*fiti* and an unusually explicit

ieans' commercial. The essential message of the clips was, as one mother warned, "Don't do the don'ts and do do the dos", though that could just as easily have been the title of a Motown hit single. The nostalgic interviewees recalled fumbling moments with bra straps in the back seats of fathers' cars. The contrast was presumably meant to show that this was an

ignorance, while modern youths are so cool and precocious that they lose their virginity before their nappies. Is that really so? What will future sniggering generations

make of our clumsy government Aids commercials or those hip, youth-oriented programmes in which we are shown how to slip a condom over a Geest banana? Of course we titter when a 1950s sex education film tells us "magnificent Egypt, classical Greece, imperial Rome, all crumbled away not under the strength of the aggressors but because of moral decay".

But listen to this warning also from one of last night's virtage clips: "We know that once a person is perverted it is practically impossible for that person to adjust to normal anitudes in regard to sex...the insatiable curiosity of youth will cause him to delve deeper and deeper until his utter depravity is complete." Is that brand of morality all that different from the sort of thing Ross Perot has been preaching across Ameri-

ca in recent weeks? Still, with the army VD films, the hunt for the "aggressive blonde" out to infect every man in town with syphilis, and an official warning to men that if your date "tells you she doesn't want to use a nubber, she's up to no good", there was much to amuse, though for age of gauche innocence and those who like their television wham-ham-thank-you-mam it might have seemed a little longish. After only an hour of this televisual foreplay. I was ready to sit back and light up a relaxing cigarette.

There were several odd confessions about adolescent sex, but few weirder than the tale by the writer Spalding Gray about the fashion for rubbing

fur. Since Davy Crockett hats made of animal pelts were popular at the time, they came in handy. Or maybe they became popular as the fashion spread. So, at least one tip on indoor animal husbandry

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Wielding the chain of office

The French mayor may often be small town and small-time, but is always a force to be reckoned with.

Robin Young reports

ayors in Britain are civic dignitaries who wear and robes of office for only a year, and wield no special political clour. In France, as Joel Willmone, the mayor of Hautmont, proved this week. the status of the mayor is very

M Willmotte called for a town referendum on a demand that the French government should ban North Africans coming to live in his town, a suburb of Maubeuge. near the Belgian border. where unemployment is up to 25 per cent. M Willmotte's initiative has severely embarrassed mainstream French politicians, and seriously alarmed Hautmont's Arab

British visitors to France are most likely to see mayors fulfilling the customary roles of civic dignitaries — opening fetes, crowning carnival queens, or handing out prizes but in France mayors are also important political figures. Government ministers are frequently mayors as well. and in fact a majority of the present cabinet hold municipal positions. Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, is mayor of Nevers, and his two predecessors were also mayors of their home towns as well. President François Mitterrand was a mayor, former president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing was mayor of Chamalières, and the man who would like to replace President Mitterrand, Jacques Chirac, has the pole starting

position of being mayor of Paris. Jacques Delors was mayor of Clichy, a Paris suburb, before he became the chairman of the European If they are more influential, French mayors are also more numerous than those anywhere else. There are more than 36,000 communes (the smallest territorial division of the administrative hierarchy) and every one has its mayor.

For its population France has

any of its EC partners. The French mayors, with their municipal councils, dispose of annual budgets totalling about FFr700 billion, the equivalent of more than E70 billion. It is virtually half France's national budget, but the really big spenders are of course confined to the larger cities and towns.

More than 25,000 mayors have fewer than 700 inhabitants in their communes, and many count on no more than a few families in their flock.

The mayors of small villages and towns, unlike the controversial M Willmotte, usually play a more paternal (or maternal, because a proportion of French mayors are women! role than a partisanty political one. They do their best to please everyone.

Alain Schiffres, the political commentator, wrote of them recently in a newspaper article: The mayor is head of the flock, the beliwether provincials like to follow. Small-town mayors all like soccer and exceeding cost estimates. They are suspicious of gypsies and prefects. They share enthusiasm for the elderly and for one-way streets. They all cut ribbons and perform marriage ceremonies in the same kindly manner. The way they leave their commemorative wreaths is identically solemn. and in no matter what village the minute of silence always lasts just 45 seconds."

he position of mayor in the provinces is traditionally less a political opportunity than a form of service to the community by which one can prove one's enduring attachment, whatever one's successes elsewhere, to the place of one's birth or to one's adopted, and probably second, home. In the French village where

my wife and I have our second home, we have lived under four mayors in the past 20 years. We have watched their careers with the amused political detachment that probably only foreigners can afford. The benign two-decade rule of M Lamy (whom we nickname Mr Friendly, because he really is) was followed by the village doctor. Dr Perdu ("The Lost Doctor"). Poor Dr Perdu had a miserable time of it. Opposition to him within the municipal council was led by his nextdoor neighbour, the local chemist, a disappointed aspirant to the mayor's office whose political enmity was such that he even showed contempt for the medic's pro-

fessional abilities. Patients bringing their prescriptions to the chemist's pharmacy were as like as not to see them torn up in front of their eves, with the furious exclamation that the doctor's diagnosis was all wrong as

Ferry booked!



usual. Dr Perdu gave up after his first four years and did not seek re-election, lumbering us with the chemist's man. a retired doctor from the north who, the chemist assured electors, had the dynamism to get the village moving again.

The new mayor was Dr Deltombe. He quickly earned nickname Vampire, few bounds. He plastered the village noticeboards with mayoral decrees pursuing vendettas against village shopkeepers who had upset him. He banned mopeds from every possible lane and alley. He introduced new street signs. including one to a church which was clearly visible and had been a ruin in any case for

400 years, and another three (in a village of 600 inhabitants) showing the way to "Centre Ville". Village wags said that shortly we would have a "Boulevard

Périphérique". That did not happen, but instead the mayor laid a yellow-brick road past the local cress-beds. He closed the cinestruction of a vast new salle polyvalente. or community (to which, it was rumoured, he was anxious to see his name attached). Finally he proposed to knock down the two oldest houses in the village (despite the fact that the families that lived in them had been doing so more than half a century in order to make a new ceremonial drive-

way to the Mairie (town

The village had had enough. At the end of four years Dr Deltombe was laid in his political grave. He had bequeathed the village residents a community debt fast approaching £2,000 per person. A Committee for the Salvation of the Village succeeded in persuading a Parisian banker with a holiday home in the village to become mayor in Dr Deltombe's place. Happily the new may-or's name is Lemonnieur, so we call him the moneyman and hope that his financial

expertise will get us out of trouble.

Since the decentralisation law of 1984 mayors have gained more independence from central government and have taken on financial and budgetary responsibilities which they are not always capable of handling. There is an annual exhibition and trade fair for mayors, Mairie Expo, which is intended to help them find what they need to make their term of office a

This year it was held in Cannes and was attended by nearly 6,000 mayors. They were shown electric vehicles and condom-vending machines to install in the public lavatories, machines to clean beaches, firework displays for their municipal fetes, Christmas lights and municipal swimming-pools.

There are also awards of a Marianne d'Or to mayors of whose innovative ideas the

TOMORROW

In Weekend Times: the best of Burgundy, land of wine,

food and dukes

raised. The latest generation of

gallants had taken to deliver

ing two kisses on each cheek.

Refusing to be slaves to Pari-

sian fashion but equally not

wanting to be seen to be

oblivious to the latest trend,

the provincials settled for three

single pump, enjoined by ac-

resuming the conversation.

shake denotes enthusiasm, as

for a deal struck, while the

treble pump is reserved for

moments of great emotion.

like a family reunion or when

Foreigners are expected to

abide by the formalities. This

is no great problem for the

Germans and Dutch who

the notary reads the will.

out the trace of a smile.

Trampoglieri, approves. Among this year's winners were an ecologically minded pop singer. Yves Duteil, who is the mayor of l'Ile Rousse in Corsica, and Geneviève Fustier, who has brought life back to a village in the Loire where only six families remained. There was also a Marianne for the elderly may-

event's creator, Alain

or of Saint-Paul-de-Vence on the Côte d'Azur, who had built a wax museum of local history o attract tourists. To see a fine example of provincial mayorality at its best I suggest a detour in Normandy to Mesnil-Durdent, the smallest community in the Pays de Caux, about

20 miles from Dieppe. The village Mairie is at present a small hut, only open one hour a week, but the village has been turned into a living botany lesson. Around the bank's of Mesnil-Durdent's lanes the individual varieties of wild plants are labelled with wooden plaques. Explanatory documentation and a guide is available (for FFr15) from an honesty box at the Mairie. A muncipal garden of great charm has been opened, planted entirely with native plants of the region. The new Mairie that is being built will also be an exhibition hall devoted to the area's flora. The mayor is, of course, a botanist.

Properties of the week



WHAT YOU CAN GET FOR £25,000 TO £28,000

This renovated house (right) in the centre of the village of Causse, between Rocamadour and Figeac in the Lot, is yours for £25,000 (including agency fees), through Property France. Portway, Wantage, Oxfordshire (0235 772211). But be prepared for a nine-hour drive from the Normandy ferry ports, even without road blocks.

Built in local "Quercy blanc' stone, with a steeply pitched roof curving gently to the eaves, the property is in a good state of repair, although it still needs some updating. It has a large ground floor living area with kitchen corner, two bed-rooms, bathroom and WC upstairs, with room for loft



expansion — but no garden Traditional features include a grand crantou (a huge walkin fireplace), beamed ceilings. and a cave (wine cellar).



 Γ he same sort of money — £25,000 — will buy this converted medieval gatehouse (above) near Condom. in the Gers - a rich agricultural area close to the footbills of the Pyrenees. famous for its fiery Armagnac brandy. It is well off the beaten tourist track and a long drive from the nearest airport (two hours from Toulouse or Bordeaux); about 12 hours from Calais - or more, depending on traffic jams.

The old stone house, built inside the medieval arched village gate, has been restored and modernised, with new plumbing, wiring and central heating. It has a kitchen with exposed beams and a wood/coal burning stove; a living room with window seats and marble fireplace, and a door leading to a sidestreet. There are two bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs, plus an attic suitable for conversion. It comes with a small patch of land opposite, but

outside the village walls.
UK agent La Collection Française, 66 High Street, Manton. Marlborough, Wiltshire (0672 516266).



 Γ ork out another £3,000 — £28,000 (including agency fees) — and you can be the proud owner of this pretty stone-built house (above) in a peaceful hamlet, a few miles north of Toulouse Lautrec's Albi, the medieval cathedral city built in pink brick, bridging the River Tarn.

The property has been fully renovated and modernised throughout. It has a fitted kitchen and shower room with WC: a living room, with exposed stone walls, beamed ceilings and open lace; an entrance hall and staircase leading to two bedrooms with wooden floors

The price includes an adjoining utility room, a large sun terrace and a lawned garden. The agent to contact is Rey French Properties, 44 Rectory Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire (0923 270214)

The climate here is extreme, very hot in summer and cold in winter. Allow about 12 hours for the drive from the Normandy ports. Alternatively you can fly to Toulouse, with year-round flights from most UK airports.

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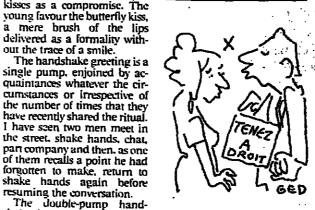
S man Gascons favour the three-way quickie. Which cheek the control of the cheek the c three-way quickie. Which cheek you start on is a matter of choice. The natural tendency is to aim right. To avoid a collision this requires the woman who is to be kissed to offer her left cheek. But if she is disinclined to go against her dextro nature simply to accommodate a passing male, she may veer to the same side, leading to male lips on female nose or a lips to lips confrontation, a gesture of intimacy inappropriate to a casual meeting. Somehow they work it out.

The Gascons are so practised, and speedy, in the art of greeting it is sometimes hard for the untutored onlooker to decide who does what to whom and in what order. It is fascinating to watch the gathering of a restaurant party. The women must be kissed by the men and kiss the other women: the men must kiss the women and shake hands with the other men. All this seems to take place in a skilfully choreographed movement which is all over in a maner of seconds. If the English went through the same elaborate performance they would still be at it when the waiter came round with the bill.

Why three kisses? There is a theory, it used to be two but then word came through from

A kiss is not just a kiss

WHEN IN FRANCE



kissing and hand shaking to adapt easily to local customs. But the English need practice. There is no place here, for example, for the hail fellow slap on the shoulder nor even for the waved greeting with a quivering hand raised above

advancing with hand out-stretched for the anticipated one-pump shake Realising that he is dealing with a novice the polite Gascon will concede by raising his arm to return the wave at the precise mo-ment as the Englishman; silently acknowledging his min faux pas of the day, lowers his arm for the conventional greeting. The Gascon will then return his hand to waist level while the Englishman, grateful for the Gascon's tolerance, reverts to the wave position. This can go on for

embarrassing when directed towards a Gascon who is

some time. But it is the social linguistics that are most difficult to come to grips with. When, for instance, to switch from vous to tu is a cause of much heartache to even the longest serving ex-pats. Children are tu but at what point do children become adults and, if you have seen them through puberty, can you go on tu-ing them or must you change to the more formal address until such time as you feel relaxed enough to

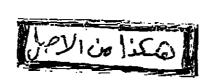
talk together as equals?
I ask without any hope of finding an answer. For the

should discover the precise dividing line between bonjour and bonsoir. It must be somewhere late in the afternoon but for the life of me I can't quite put a time to it. If I judge the moment to be right to call out bonsoir I can be sure of getting a bonjour in return. But if I play safe, back will come the riposte, suitably overaccent (* uated, "Bonsoir, Monsieur".

I tend towards the conclusion that they do it just to show who's boss. Like priorité à droite. Twenty years ago. when British drivers in France could still drive through the country without being con-fronted by angry road blocks. traffic signs on country roads were regarded as an affront to macho pride and priorité à droite had a real and terrifying significance

The naive English driver, encouraged to believe that unless he was clearly instructed to the contrary he was entitled to proceed on his way unhindered, would suddenly find a French motorist roaring out of a sheltered side turning without so much as a warning toot. It is a curious fact that until quite recently there was no second-hand car market in southwest France - curious until one reflects that no car lasted long enough to become

second-hand.



Put your money where your mouth is

Finding a dentist

to give NHS treatment may soon

be more difficult. Jeremy Laurance

asks how patients will be hit by ... the present

pay dispute

dentist to treat you on the NHS could be more diffi-British Dental Association's (BDA) hallot on industrial action, the first in its 112-year history, is expected on Monday. Early indications are that it will lead to much gnashing

Already many dentists are taking unilateral action. At least a dozen local dental committees, including groups in West Sussex, north Lancashire, Norfolk and the Isle of Wight, have voted to stop accepting new adult patients or to strike off existing ones, before the result of the national ballot is known. So anybody not already registered with a dentist would be advised to.

find one quickly. Even this may not be enough. The ballot papers, which have gone out to 16,000 BDA members, offer dentists three options, of which refusing new adult patients is the mildest. Others are to refuse new adult and child patients or - the most militant option - to strike off existing adult patients. The result of a similar ballot of the 3,000 members of the General Dental Practitioners' Association is expected the same day.

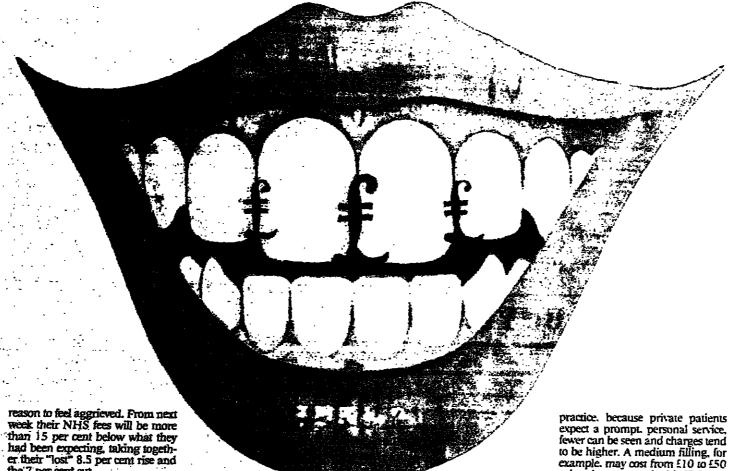
Patients without an NHS dentist have the choice of paying privately or applying to their local family health services authority, which is required to provide NHS dental treatment for all who want it.

The government recently reminded the authorities of their right to appoint salaried dentists who could take over the NHS work by existing dentists. However, as they would be paid at half average NHS earnings, which dentists anyway claim are too low, the authorities are unlikely to be overwhelmed with applicants.

The dispute that has led to the ballot is over pay. Last March the dennists' pay review body recommended an 8.5 per cent pay rise for dentists, well above the 5.5 per cent. awarded to the doctors, in recognition of the "business difficulties" many were experiencing. The government has responded with a 7 per cent pay cut, to be implemented from next Wednesday. NHS charges to patients will fall by the

ame amount.

The dentists argue that their
On the face of it, the dentists have increased productivity is being



However, most of a dentist's pay comes from fees for every filling or other treatment given, so their exact earnings depend on how much work they do. The pay review body intended that the average dentist should earn £35,815 after the 8.5 per cent rise, but health department figures, based on dentists' claims in the first quarter of the year, suggested that actual earnings were running much higher.

the 7 per cent cut.

To bring them back to £35.815 would have required a 23 per cent cut in the fees, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary claimed. Even after the 7 per cent cut, dentists are expected to earn more than £40,000 on average this year, she said, or about £5,000 more than the pay review body intended.

he dentists say the cut is tion of their new contract in October 1990 they were paid for the first time to register patients, as family doctors do. The health department and the BDA estimated that 23 million patients would be registered in the first year and priced the contract

in the event, nearly 30 million patients were signed up and the bill for treatment started to rocket. A third of dentists earned gross fees of more than £100,000 each last year. according to the health department. Half of this amount, on average, goes on the expense of running the practice.

rewarded with a pay cut. The contract was fairly priced, they say, but now the game has started, the health department is trying to move

A second, less convincing argument is that the increase in productivity is a one-off achievement, not to be repeated, linked with the introduction of the new contract. The health department should have waited to see what actual, as opposed to projected, earnings are this year before "clawing back" any excess, as has been normal practice in other years.

Dentists are also angry that the limit above which treatment requires prior authorisation by the Dental Practice Board has been reduced from £600 to £200, ining delays for patients.

The real puzzle is why, when earnings are running 23 per cent higher than expected, so many dentists claim to be in financial difficulty. The answer is that the "average" dentist constantly cited by the health department and the dental associations is a myth.

The pay review body picked up the point in its report earlier this year. So widespread are the differences in working patterns, hours of work, age, earnings and business organisation "that it is almost impossible to identify an average dentist", the review body said.

Yet the fee level is set to deliver the intended income - £35.815 to the average dentist with average

example, may cost from £10 to £50 privately, compared with \$7.95 on the NHS. A crown would cost from £70 to £300 or more, compared expenses. This "makes it impossiwith £56.25 on the NHS. ble to tackle the problems of low The dispute provides Mrs Bottomley with her first test. Hav-

income and low investment", which affect some dentists but not ing resisted Treasury demands for others, the report said. a 13 per cent fee cut, on the ground The review body also noted that that it would hasten the exodus into the payment system contains an inprivate practice and push some built disincentive to invest. dentists into bankruptcy, she is now bound to deliver a satisfactory

entists who spend less Whatever the outcome of the on their practices enjoy a higher income at the ballot, the drift to the private sector expense of those who will be accelerated by the fee cut. spend more because the expenses of except in places such as Bromley town in southeast London, where all dentists are totalled and the average reimbursed. This is partic-96 per cent of paying adults ularly hard on younger dentists pregnant women and people on benefit are exempt from payment who are starting out in practice with high mortgages but smaller are already treated privately.

Mrs Bottomley has promised reform of the dental pay system. reward dentists who do the most NHS work. However, it is likely to be too little, too late.

In the longer term, the government may be happy to see the privatisation of dentistry as the work becomes increasingly cosmetic. Dental health has improved dramatically during the past 20 years, mainly thanks to fluoride toothpaste. Within a generation, fillings will be unknown in those under 25 and rare in those below 40, and experts predict that the world will need less than a quarter of the dentists it has today.

Fearing for their future, today's dentists may see a pay cut as the first grim sign of their impending

Pain second to none

Shingles does not kill, so science has been slow to provide relief for its many victims

The pain of shingles is second to none. "Abominable, inde-scribable" was how the pianist Artur Rubinstein put it. Sufferers are said to have included the prophet Job, who wrote, "Days of affliction have taken hold of me. The night racks my bones and the pain that gnaws at me takes no

But shingles does not kill, so it has had less attention than it deserves. "It is desperately neglectsays Dr David Bowsher of the Pain Research Institute in Liverpool, who says that shingles is the single most important cause of persistent nerve pain. An initiative by Richard Perkin, an American businessman, who was appalled by the pain his 82-year old mother suffered, may change that, "I'd never seen her complain about anything." Mr Perkin says, "yet

rible pain and there wasn't anything, apparently, that I could do about it."

YOU MINERAL

One reason for shingles' orphan status, Mr Perkin says, is that it can manifest itself in several ways. The tell-tale sign which no general practitioner should miss is a blistering rash. which extends like a belt around one side of the body, but this may not be the first symptom. numbness or tingling, or headaches may be the first

warning sign. The

cause is a virus, the same one that causes chickenpox, and victims tend to be old people. To try to pull together information and help encourage research, Mr Perkin started the VZV Research Foundation, named after the varicella-zoster virus that causes chickenpox and shingles. He hopes the foundation will be able to raise money for research.

The virus, more often known as the herpes zoster virus in Britain, is the cause of the common childhood disease of chickenpox. The symptoms are mild in most children. sant in adult When symptoms fade, the virus takes refuge in the nervous system, where it lies low, doing no obvious harm for years. So long as the immune system remains in good shape, the virus is overwhelmed by circulating antibodies before it can multiply. Problems arise when the immune system loses potency, either through advancing years or for some other reason. While almost everyone gets chickenpox, only about 15 per cent of the population will get shingles.

The proportion rises among the

old or others who are immunocompromised. In people aged over 80, the chances of getting shingles rise to about 50 per cent, and patients with Aids or cancer are also much more likely to suffer. Those with leukaemia. Hodgkin's disease or other lymphomas are 20 to 100 times more likely to get shingles

than the population in general.
In the UK, up to 200,000 cases a year are believed to occur. Symptoms usually subside in a few weeks, but an unlucky minority suffers from post-herpetic neural gia. a condition that can last

months or even years.

Jane Bagley is a widow in her eighties who developed shingles in March 1989. She was treated with acyclovir (Zovirax), an anti-viral drug which, given before skin lesions appear, shortens the course of the disease.

Bagley

thinks the stress of 'We need a her husband's death may have had something to campaign do with her attack. There is anecdotal among GPs evidence that stress. perhaps through its and the public effect on the immune system, can to increase bring on the condition. In her case, the pain did not awareness. The only way Most doctors Mrs Bagley can get comfort is by using

just don't two tubes a day of a proprietary cream called EMLA. This know what was prescribed by Dr Bowsher, who to do' has tried electrical stimulation of the

nerves, drugs, and inserting a catheter into the fluid around the spinal cord and inject-ing morphine and other drugs.

Improvement was temporary. The best drugs, Dr Bowsher says, are amitryptyline and desipramine, which effect nerve pains. "I tell GPs that every patient over 60 diagnosed with shingles should be asked to return six weeks later," he says. "If they still have pain, they should be treated with amitryptyline, which will deal with 90 per cent of cases. Left longer, it becomes very difficult to treat."

tion is an experimental vaccine developed in Japan for use against chickenpox. Results of a trial showed the vaccine provided protection against chickenpox, reducing the chances of shingles.

Too many GPs. Dr Bowsher says, simply hope the pain will go away. "We need a campaign among GPs and the public to increase awareness." he says. "Most doctors just don't know what to do.

NIGEL HAWKES

Cutting out the middle woman

More health, over the page: Liz Gill on the hazards of hysterectomy

Life looks up for mad professors

WHEN autism was first described in the 1940s, knowledge of the biochemistry of the brain, psycho-pharmacology, was so rudimentary that there was little scientific evidence to rebut the theory that autistic children rejected the world and took refuge in emotional isolation because they had been born to cold, detached women; the so-called "refrigerator" mother. Recent research has refuted much of this psychobabble and has shown that there is likely to be a pharmacological basis to the prob-lem and that changes in the levels and function of the compound serotonin

Dr Christopher McDougle, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Yale University, treated autistic children with the 5HT re-uptake inhibitor. fluvoxamine, Faverin, which alters serotonin levels in the nervous system. The results have been encouraging and in some cases dramanc, so much so that some of his patients have even bought presents and written to · McDo-Dτ reasoned

that if Faverin beneficial to autistic children and also useful in the treatment of ob-

sessive compulsive disorders, including, incidentally, the eating disorders anorexia nervosa and bulimia, it might also help patients with Asperger's syndrome

People with Asperger's syndrome show many of the characteristics of autism but usually have better social relationships, and often have a good intellect. Children with Asperger's, like autistic children, are devoted to a strict routine, indulge in repetitive movements, such as the constant turning of a wheel, may sit for hours beside a tap.

MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

apparently fas-cinated by the noise of running water, display a lack of desire for eye contact with relatives, and isolated yet occasionally vio-

lent, sometimes against themselves. These rather strange, withdrawn little children will, as they grow up, show signs of becoming totally obsessed with some esoteric subject so that, in adolescence, the loners may distinguish themselves by becoming their school's greatest experts on, for instance, churchyard lichens, 16th century Spanish music, or the Serbo-Croat wars.

If of good intelligence, they later progress to becoming the archetypal remote, mad professor, rarely emerg-

ing from their study or laboratory and incapable of close relationships. Dr McDougle has found that, when treated with Faverin, 50 per cent of his

The result is that many have

South, where costs are higher and

dental service is worrying minis-

ters, who were shocked by a health

department survey in January

showing that one in four dentists

nationwide, and up to 70 per cent in parts of the South-East, were

The attractions of private practice

have grown as NHS patients now

pay three-quarters of the cost of

their treatment in dental charges.

An average course of treatment on

the NHS now costs £30, so a dentist

has to ask only for an extra£i0 and

he or she can be free of the NHS

with its bureaucracy and form-

filling, and be no worse off. In

turning away NHS patients.

The creeping privatisation of the

patients are better off.

patients with Asperger's disease im-proved. They did not become the life and soul of the university parties but they joined social clubs, talked on subjects other than their own enthusiasms, took an interest in the opposite sex and had fewer episodes of aggressive behaviour.

Two even got married, though one had to date over the telephone so as to avoid eye contact. The other had a more direct and usual approach but he

soon became divorced. Dr McDougle's work has still to be published but it offers hope not only to the autistic, and those with very obvious Asperger's, but to all those with minor degrees of the syndrome who have escaped from the ordinary world by immersing themselves into little known depths of academia.

Sniffing out

differently. The differences are that forensic scientists may

Pity the patients who suffer from a rare condition, fish odour syndrome, in which, however often they wash, they smell of stinking fish. The psycho-social problems induced have recently been re-

viewed in Mims magazine by Dr Riad Ayesh, of St Mary's Hospital, London, Patients with the syndrome, which is probably inherited, fail to metabolise trimethylamine, a chemical found in most fish, to an odourless compound. The intensity of the smell will vary slightly depending on diet but it is worse after eating eggs, soya beans, kidneys and marine fish. It is improved by taking the gut antibacterial drug metronidazole, Flagyl.





A passing sadness THE World Health Organis-

ation (WHO) announced this week that it has evaluated research instigated at St Mary's Hospital, London, and pursued there for the past 15 years, and has accepted the hospital's view that "recurrent brief depression" is different from other forms of depression and a distinct disease in its own right.

Dr Stuart Montgomery, a senior lecturer in psychiatry at St Mary's, said that patients with recurrent brief depression experience repeated attacks of severe depression with all its usual symptoms of hopelessness, insomnia, mood changes and loss of interest in work and pleasurable activ-

Each attack lasts from a day or two to a fortnight. They may occur only very occasionally but in the worst cases 20 a



year have been reported. In between attacks the patient feels normal. So rapid is the change of mood that a patient who may feel suicidal one moment is jolly enough to go to a party a few hours later. In the past, patients have often been misdiagnosed as suffering from a border-line personalify disorder, a mistake which is understandable as they are notorious for their impulsive behaviour including suicide attempts, or actual suicide.

A CONTRACT OF STREET

Standard anti-depressant treatment does not help, but the use of neuroleptic drugs to achieve sedation has some benefit.

Patients at St Marys are encouraged to adapt their lifestyle (for example, to take nme off work and never make an important decision when depressed). Having recurrent brief depression does not prevent the person from also suffering from the more usual depressive illnesses.

crime WE all smell, but we all smell

so slight that only a few people have a dog-like ability to know who has just left a room. It was reported from The Netherlands last week that research is now well advanced into analysing and recording these differences in smell so soon be able to recognise the smell print of a wrongdoer. A person's distinctive smell is due to the varying amounts of fatty acids in the sweat. The composition of the resulting cocktail can be altered if the patient does not wash and the sweat becomes rancid.

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(where the lining of the womb

grows in other areas of the pelvis).

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lems, anaemia and fibroids (non-

malignant growths of varying size

and degree of symptoms). They may result from emergencies dur-

ing surgery or childbirth.

Most hysterecto-

mies involve the re-

moval of the top

third of the vagina.

including the cervix

as a precaution

against cervical can-

cer, whatever the

prime reason for the

operation. Some-

times the ovaries

and Fallopian tubes

are also removed.

For some women, the operation

however, the cure can be as bad as

the problem. A hysterectomy is

major surgery and side effects can

range from the relatively minor,

albeit distressing - wind, weight

gain, mild backache and thrush -

'If patients

are carefully

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ny man who has difficulty picturing the horror felt by Caroline Richmond. who woke up from what she thought was a routine gynaecological operation to discover she had been given a hysterectomy. should imagine himself regaining consciousness after a minor procedure and finding his testicles gone. The comparison between the organs is often cited by Murial

Jackson, a nurse who herself had the operation four years ago, when she was 43. Mrs Jackson is also information officer for the Hysterectomy Suppor: Network, which explains to uncomprehending men just how emotionally attached a woman may be to

they need' her womb. "Apan from the removal of a breast. a hysterectomy is probably the most is a life-saver, for many, it is a lifeemotional operation a woman can have." Mrs Jackson says, "A lot of enhancer, a liberator from years of pain and discomfort. For others, women fear they will no longer be a

About \$0.000 hysterectomies are performed every year in Britain, for a variety of reasons: cancer, prolapse, heavy irregular bleeding with or without pain, pelvic inflam-

Cutting out the middle woman

Hysterectomy can be a life-saver, but is sometimes

insensitively applied, Liz Gill reports

to the more serious: urinary problems, irritable bowel syndrome, problems with scar tissue and menopausal symptoms. There may be psychological repercussions. such as depression and the loss of libido and self-esteem.

The network gets about 3,000 calls a year. "Depression is the number one thing women complain of, and a lot of them have been given anti-depressants by their GPs." Mrs Jackson says. "But it is always best to help people before rather than after the operation. Preparation is half the battle. We don't believe in scare-mongering, but we try to be realistic about what someone is likely to feel and experience. You should also talk about things like hormone replace-

ment therapy beforehand. "The main problem, though, is that a lot of women just don't get the support they need. The majority have simply been told they've got to

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reason. But unless it's a matter of life and death, a woman might prefer to live with some conditions. There is quite widespread and profound ignorance. I've even had women asking whether they will have their periods again or whether they can have a baby."

any of the callers are men. "A lot of men should be counselled as well. Some are a bit unsympathetic about the emotional side, others are very worried. The biggest fear for women often concerns the first time they make love afterwards, and if that goes wrong, it can put a great strain on the marriage."

Mrs Jackson does not believe that, unlike the situation in America, where the hysterectomy rate is more than double what it is in Britain, the operation is performed unnecessarily in the majority of have a hysterectomy and that's it.

They often don't even know the it has been presented to them as

being purely routine, little more than having a tooth out. Doctors may be acting from the best of motives, but they may be seeing it from only one perspective."

If the situation is not urgent a woman can ask to be monitored for six months, or she can seek a second opinion. She may also want to make sure she has explored any medical alternatives.

In recent years there have been more vaginal hysterectomies. where the uterus is removed through the vagina rather than the

Although the technique is not suitable in all cases - for instance, in situations where the uterus is greatly enlarged or when the woman has never had children — it 76does have many advantages: earlier patient mobility, shorter convalescence, less post-operative discomfort and fewer risks of complications.

There is also growing use of a procedure known as endometrial

ablation to tackle heavy bleeding from an otherwise normal uterus. the most common reason for a hysterectomy, and smaller fibroids. This burns off the lining of the womb using either lasers, microwave energy or heat from an electric loop or ball. It needs highly trained practitioners

and expensive equipment but it is a less drastic procedure involving only an overnight stay in hospital and the parient, who keeps her uterus, makes a more rapid recovery. Raquel Welch was its most famous patient in America and it is estimated

that maybe 15,000 such operations are now performed relieves pain and stops bleeding every year in Britain. every year in Britain.

Mr Victor Lewis, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Watford General hospital and pres-ident of the British Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy, believes it is always worth a woman asking if the technique is suitable to her. But he does not believe

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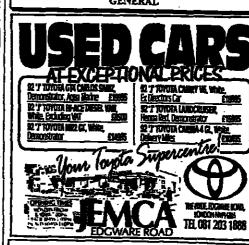
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puting the benefits against all the things that does a buyer need to worry about the state of world politics when selecting a model, but that is exactly what Yugo buyers have been doing in the past few months.

Roy Tyler has barely seen a customer for a new Yugo car in almost two months because the ripples of the civil war in the former Yugoslavia have spread to his garage at Great Barr in Birmingham.

Mr Tyler, sales manager at the Sundial Motor Company, says the war and the trade embargo imple-mented by the United Nations has scared away even the hardiest potential customer.

The trouble with the UN sanctions, he says, is that they are indiscriminately penalising 160 United Kingdom dealers, their 1,500 staff and about 60,000 Yugo owners in this country.

The UN sanctions mean the freezing of assets of Yugoslavian companies abroad. Although Zastava GB, the independent importer based at Reading, Berkshire, was this week given the go-ahead to continue trading by the trade and industry department, the licence does not ease the company's imme-

It cannot import cars from the factory in Serbia, nor can it bring in the components dealers need to service cars. The company is not nemts such as the engine, gearbox allowed to send any payments back and back axle can all be found from to the factory in Serbia nor can it re-

Worried by the reports of shelling and sanctions, the public has steered clear of

Yugoslavia's national car, says Kevin Eason

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The nightly news of sanctions and shelling has simply scared customers away. Sales so far this year are down on average about 30 per cent across the country; some dealers say by 50 per cent. When you are already coping with the effects of recession, trying to deal with an international trade embar-

go which hits at the heart of your business but which is beyond your control saps your confidence. Zastava

about 1,000 cars in stock, probably enough for the next three or four months with sales as poor as they are now. There is also about £750,000

for a long siege. In addition, dealers have been squirreling away parts which they thought they might need for just such a difficult time as this.

One advantage of the Yugo is that it is based largely around designs from Fiat. Major compo-

ceive any shipments of cars or parts. components, such as brakes and even glass, can be sourced in

Britain and Germany. However, other parts such as bodywork come direct from Serbia. For example, Mr Tyler says he has been waiting six months for an indicator lens for a Sana model to

That kind of delay hardly fills the Yugo owner with confidence and Customers

new customers who hear those sort of stories will un-doubtedly be dewatch the news and they are not stu-pid," Mr Tyler says. "We are disheartened by what is going on but what can we do?"

Yugo grew, like worth of components stored ready other Eastern European marques such as Skoda and Lada, during the 1980s as buyers recognised that they could have a new car complete with warranty for bargain base-ment prices. Even now, Yugo prices range between just £3,500 and £6,700.

The recession and the introduction of the poll tax hit traditional customers for Eastern Europeanproduced cars harder than most.

but neither has had to cope with the extra strain of enduring sanctions.

Michael Lee, Zastava GB's chief executive, is the man trying to keep the network together, although he admits that it is difficult, given that his business is at the mercy of a UN

Keeping parts supply going is the most important job, ensuring that current Yugo drivers can remain mobile. Mr Lee is confident that that will happen but admits that everything depends on how long the conflict and the sanctions last. "Members of the public here in

the UK are nothing to do with what is happening in Yugoslavia," he says, "Sanctions are indiscriminate and making British car owners and dealers suffer does not help the "We are allowed to carry on by

the DTI as a British company but we cannot have any contact with Serbia or Montenegro under the UN rules. Our hands are ned by what is going on." Some dealers, such as J.D.

Thompson of St Albans, however, refuse to be beaten. His company is among those scouring Europe for components and Mr Thompson promises that he will guarantee service for his customers, even if that means his garage workshop making parts by hand.

"We have spent millions of nounds on this business and I am not going to let it fail," he says. "If necessary, we will make the parts ourselves but we will look after our customers whatever happens."



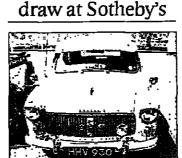
Roy Tyler: "We are disheartened . . . but what can we do?"

One careful lady owner

arting was sweet sorrow for Susan Prendergast when she saw her Ford Consul driven away. Mrs Prendergast, a pensioner from east London, bought the little saloon in 1954 and the pair grew old gracefully together. Kevin Eason writes. The four-door Ford was primped and polished so that it was almost as immaculate on the day it was sold this week as it was on the day when Mrs Prendergast bought

Mrs Prendergast lined her little grey-coloured Ford, nicknamed Janie", up against classic cars worth up to £70,000 at a Sotheby's

Although there was a selection of exotic models on view. Sotheby's discovered that a pack of collectors had descended on the sale to look at Mrs Prendergast's Consul was a top



Mrs Prendergast's Consul. One man, who already owns two Consuls, travelled to the sale only to be

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The pain of losing Janie was eased by the auction price of \$1.800
— almost twice the \$1,000 Mrs
Prendergast had paid for the car
new, "I was very sad to see her go." she said. "She is the only car I have ever had. I passed my test in her and I used to drive to and from work and make an occasional visit to see my sister in Somerset."

The Ford has, in fact, only covered 31,320 miles in the past 38 years, an annual average of \$24 miles. The longest outing Mrs Prendergast ever took was visit her family in Wolverhampton.

With her eyesight failing, she kept Janie garaged over the past few years, turning the engine now and again to ensure that the car remained in working order, and keeping the red leather upholstery spick and span.

ROADWISE

Insurance battle

BMW has joined the growing list of manufacturers offering discount insurance deals in response to rapidly rising motor premiums. The benefits include 65 per cent no claims discount, monthly repayments, fixed premiums for six months unless claims execut two in three years and free recovery after an accident. There is also free car hire for three weeks after an accident or if the car, fitted with a BMW alarm, is stolen.

No red flag

RUDYARD Kipling was well known to be a motoring enthusiast Indeed he put together a collection of poems around the theme of motoring at the turn of the century. often parodying other writers and poets. His Wordsworth pastiche. for example, was the tale of The Idiot Boy, with the words: He wandered down the moun-

tain grade

Beyond the speed assigned.

A youth whom Justice often staved

And generally fined. The typescript of the collection, including Kipling's own handwritten revisions, goes on sale at Sotheby's on July 21. The expected price is £1,500-£2,000.

Alfa beater

ALFA Romeo this week introduced its new 155 model to the UK market after a £350 million deselopment programme which used 400 prototypes over 4 million miles. The five model line-up starts with a 1.8-litre Twin Spark at £13,700, rising to the luxurious top of the range 155 2.5 Vo at £19,050 on the road, which features electric sunroof, power steering, anti-lock brakes, electrically heated from seats and even sun blinds.

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Calculating compensation for damage caused by EEC institutions

Mulder and Others v Council and Commission Joined Cases C-104/S9 and C-

Before O. Due, President and Judges F. A. Schockweiler, F. Grevisse, P. J. G. Kapteyn, G. F. Mancini, C. N. Kakouris, J. C. Moitinno de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Diez de Velasco and M. Zulceg

Advocate General W. Van Gerven (Opinion January 28, 1992) Judgment May 19]

In making good any damage caused by its institutions in the performance of their duties, the Community was to take account of the loss of earnings suffered by the annlicants, consisting in the diference between, on the one hand, the income which they would have events and, on the other hand, the income which they actually obtained, plus any income which they obtained or could have obtained during the relevant period from any replacement activities.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in an interlocutory judgment in proceedings brought by milk producers for compensation for damage suffered as a result of the application of Community regulations in the dairy sector.

The applicants had brought an action against the European Economic Community under article 178 and the second paragraph of article 215 of the EEC Treaty for compensation for the damage suffered as a result of the apolication of Council Regulation (EEC) No 857/84 of March 31, 1984 adopting general rules for the application of the levy referred to in article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No \$04/68 in the milk and milk products sector (OJ 1984 L 90 p13) as supplemented by Commission Regulation No 1317/84 of May 16, 1984 laying down rules for the application of the additional levy referred to in article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 (OJ 1984 L 132 pl 1), and as a result of the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 764/89 of March 20, 1989 amending Regulation (EEC) No 857/84 (OJ 1989 L 84 p2).

In accordance with undertakines given oursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1078/77 of May 17, 1977 introducing a system of premiums for the nonmarketing of milk and milk produers and for the conversion of dairy herds (OJ 1977 L 131 pl) farmers in The Netherlands and in the Federal Republic of Germany, had delivered neither milk nor dairy products from their farms for a five-year period including the 1983 calendar year, which was subsequently adopted by The Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany as the reference year for the purposes of the system of the additional levy on

Applications for the allocation of a reference quantity which they made on the expiry of the non-marketing period were rejected by The Netherlands and the German authorities on the ground that they had not made deliveries of milk during the reference year. It was nor until after Regulation No 764/89 came into force that they had been allocated provisiona special reference quantities under nicle 3a of Regulation No 857/84, as amended by Regula-

In its judgments in Case 120/86 Mulder v Minister van Landbouw en Visserij (1988) ECR 2321 and Case 170/86 von Deetzen v Hauptzoliamt Hamburg-Jonas [1988] ECR 2355) (The Times May 23, 1988), the Court had declared those rules invalid on the ground that they were in breach of the principle of the protection of nate expectation in so far as they did not provide for the

allocation of such a quantity.

Following those judgments, the Council adopted on March 20, 1989 Regulation No 764/89. which inserted a new article 3a in Regulation No 857/84. That article provided essentially that milk producers who, pursuant to an undertaking given under Regula-tion No 1078/77, had not delivered milk during the reference year were to receive, in certain circumstances, a special reference quantity equal to 60 per cent of the quantity of milk delivered or the quantity of milk equivalent sold by the producer during the twelve months preceding the month in which the application for the nonmarketing or conversion premium had been made.

That 60 per cent rule, too, was declared invalid by the Court for being in breach of the principle of the protection of legitimate expectations on the ground that the application to the producers covered by article 3a of Regulation No 857/84, as amended, of a reduction of 40 per cent which, far from being representative of the rates applicable to the producers covered by article 2. was more than double the highest total of such rates, must be regarded as a restriction which specifically afof producers by the very reason of their undertaking as to non-189/89 Soagl v Hauptzollami and Case C-217/89 Pastanter Hauntzollamt Bad Reichenhall ([1990] ECR 1-4585).

In its judgment, the Court of Justice of the European Communities ruled as follows: The basis for liability

The second paragraph of article 215 of the Treaty provided that, in

ity, the Community, in accordance mon to the laws of the member states 1 I to make good any damage caused by its institutions

in the performance of their duties. The scope of that provision had been clarified in the sense that the on account of a legislative measure involving choices of economic policy unless a sufficiently serious breach of a superior rule of law for the protection of the individual had occurred.

More specifically, in a legislative field such as the one in question, which was characterised by the exercise of a wide discretion essential for the implementation of the common agricultural policy, the Community could not incur liability unless its institution had maniitly and gravely disregarded the limits on the exercise of its nowers. held that, in order for the Commu-

nity to incur non-contractual liability, the damage alleged had to go beyond the bounds of the normal economic risks inherent in the activities in the sector concerned. Those conditions had been fulfilled in the case of Regulation No 857/84 as supplemented by Regulation No 1371/84.

As the Court had held in Mulder had been adonted in breach of the principle of the protection of legitimate expectation, which was a general and superior principle of munity law for the protection of the individual.

Second, in so far as it failed completely, without invoking any higher public interest, to take account of the specific situation of a clearly defined group of economic agents, namely producers who, pursuant to an undertaking given under Regulation No 1078/77. delivered no milk during the reference year, the Community legislature had manifestly and gravely disregarded the limits of its committing a sufficiently serious breach of a superior rule of law.

obvious because the total and permanent exclusion of the producers concerned from the allocation of a reference quantity, which in fact prevented them from resuming the marketing of milk when their non-marketing or conversion undertaking expired, could not be regarded as being foreseeable or as falling within the bounds of the normal economic risks inherent in producing milk. In contrast, contrary to the applicants' assertions, the Community could not incur liability on account of the fact that Regulation No 764/89 introduced

the 60 per cent rule. Admittedly, that rule also infringed the legitimate expectation of the producers concerned with regard to the limited nature of undertaking, as the Court had held in Spagi and Pastatter. However, the breach of the principle of the protection of legitimate expecta-tion which was held to exist could not be described as being sufntly serious within the meaning of the case-law on the non-contractual liability of the

Second, it had to be observed that, by adopting Regulation No 764/89 following the judgments in Mulder and von Deetzen, the Community legislature had made an economic policy choice with regard to the manner in which it vas necessary to implement the principles set out in those judge higher public interest, without ing the limits of its discretionary

The Damage

With regard to the evaluation of the damage which had to be regarded as resulting from the application of the 1984 rules, all the applicants had applied for the allocation of a reference quantity under the additional levy scheme before their non-marketing undertakings expired, and resumed the marketing of milk at the latest immediately after they were

granted a special reference quan-tity under Regulation No 764/89. Accordingly, they had mani-fested their intention to resule milk production, with the result that the loss of income from milk deliveries could not be regarded as being the consequence of the applicants' freely deciding to give up milk As regarded the extent of the

damage which the Community had to make good, in the absence of particular circumstances warranting a different assessment, account was to be taken of the loss of earnings consisting in the difference between, on the one hand, the income which the ap-plicants would have obtained in the normal course of events from the milk deliveries which they would have made if, during the period between April 1, 1984, the date of entry into force of Regulation No 857/84, and March 29, 1989, the date of entry into force of Regulation No 764/89, they had obtained the reference quantities to which they were entitled and, on the other hand, the income which they actually obtained from milk deliveries made during that period in the absence of arry reference quantity, plus any income which they obtained, or could have obtained, during that period from

quantities to which the applicants were entitled during the period in question, account had to be taken, where the applicants made no milk where the applicants made to middle deliveries during the reference year, of the quantity of milk which they delivered during a representative period prior to their nonmarketing period, such as the quantity used as the basis for calculating the non-marketing

The basis which was to be taken for calculating the income which the applicants would have received in the normal course of events if they had made milk deliveries corresponding to the reference quantities to which they were entitled was the profitability of a farm representative of the type of farm run by each of the applicants, it being understood that account could be taken in that regard of the reduced profitability generally shown by such a farm during the period when milk production was started up. As regarded income from any

replacement activities which was to be deducted from the hypothetical income referred to above, it was to be noted that that income had to be taken to include not only that which the applicants actually obtained from replacement activities. but also that income which they could have obtained had they reasonably engaged in such activ-

reached in the light of a general principle common to the legal principle common to the legal systems of the member states to the effect that the injured party had to show reasonable diligence in limit-ing the extent of his loss or risk having to bear the damage himself.

Any operating losses incurred by the applicants in carrying out such a replacement activity could not be attributed to the Community, since the origin of such losses did not lie in the effects of the Community

it followed that the amount of compensation payable by the Community had to correspond to the damage which it caused.

As the Court had consistently held, the amount of compensation due had to be subject to interest as from the date of the judgment establishing the obligation to make good the damage. The rate of interest which it was a proper to apply was 8. per cent a year, provided that that rate did not exceed the rate claimed in the forms of order sought in the

It followed that in Case C-104/89 the rate of 8 per cent a year claimed should be applied and in Case C-37/90 the rate of 7 per cent of order sought in the application.

On those grounds, the Court, as I Ordered the defendants to make

I Ordered the defendants to make good the damage suffered by the applicants as a result of the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 857/84 of March 31, 1984, as supplemented by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1371/84 of May 16, 1984 in so far as those regulations did not provide for the allocation of a reference organity to producers reference quantity to producers who, pursuant to an undertaking given under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1078/77 of May 17, 1977, did not deliver any milk during the reference year adopted by the member state concerned:

2 Ordered that interest at the 104/89 and at 7 per cent in Case C-37/90 should be payable on the amounts of compensation : the date of this judgment:

3 For the rest, dismissed the applications

4 Ordered the parties to inform the Court within twelve months from the date of delivery of the judgment of the amounts of damages payable arrived at by agreement. 5 Ordered that, in the absence of agreement, the parties should transmit to the Court within the same period a statement of their views with supporting figures. 6 Reserved the costs.

Law Report July 3 1992 Queen's Bench Division

Contempt to interfere with ship sale

The Cerro Colorado Before Mr Justice Sheen

[Judgment June 29]

An order by the Admiralty Court that a vessel be appraised and sold by the Admiralty Marshal meant that the ship would be sold free of all encumbrances and liens and it was a contempt of court to interfere with the sale in an advertisement or otherwise stating that any buyer of the vessel would be responsible for moneys owing to the crew.

Mr Justice Sheen so held in the Admiralty Court of the Queen's Bench Division in an application by the Admiralty Marshal for further directions relating to the sale of the tanker, the Cerro

Mr Nigel Teare, QC, for the Admiralty Marshal; Mr Angus Glennie, QC, for the plaintiffs, the Norske Bank A/S.

MR JUSTICE SHEEN said that the plaintiff bank had lent a substantial sum of money to the owners of the Cerro Colorado which was secured by mortgage upon the ship. On April 13, 1992 the court gave judgment for the bank for US\$26,014,308.89. In execution of the judgment, the appraised and sold by the Ad-

As far as concerned the reference

miralty Marshal. On March 6, 1992, the master and crew, through their unions, requested the entry of a caveat against the release of the ship claiming a right in action in rem against the ship for wages unpaid since January 1, 1992 and for severance pay amounting to US\$3,000,000 plus interest and

However, the master and crew had not issued a writ in rem and until they obtained a judgment in rem had no right enforceable against the ship or against the proceeds of sale.

On June 10, Lloyd's List published an advertisement referring to the forthcoming sale of the Cerro Colorado which stated that the sale was opposed by the Spanish trade unions and that the vessel was encumbered by a judg-ment of the Spanish courts awarding the workers 700 million

debt and the enforcement of which would remain prevailing not ithstanding any sale.

On the following day on the front page of Lloyd's List there was an article by the paper's industrial correspondent headed "Tanker sale warning". The effect of the article would be to deter purchasers and reduce the price of the vessel.

Because of those publications the Admiralty Marshal had had to postpone the date for offers. It was osting about £10,000 a week to keep the ship under arrest.

The Spanish Embassy had sent a note verbale to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office stating that those responsible for the sale should convey to potential purchasers that the Cerro Colorado was encumbered and the amount had been registered in the Spanish Register of Ships at Huelva in order to bind third

Following questions by the Admiralty Marshal, the Consul General for Spain replied that Spain

authorisation for the sale of the ship by the British authorities after order of the British court without an undertaking by the purchaser to guarantee the full payment of the moneys owed to the

The Spanish court did not have the vessel within its custody when making the orders and the order did not appear to be related to proceedings in rem.

On December 8, 1953, Spain had ratified the International Convention for the unification of certain rules relating to the arrest of seagoing ships which was signed in Brussels on May 10, 1952.

By article 7 of the Convention. the courts of the country in which the arrest was made had jurisdiction to determine the case on its merits. The jurisdiction was recognised by all the countries which

had ratified or acceded to the It was clear beyond doubt that the Admiralty Marshal selling a vessel by order of the Admiralty Court gave the purchaser of the vessel a title free from all liens and

His Lordship expressed the hope that the Spanish court would recognise the decrees made by the Admiralry Court as a matter of comity.

The advertisement and the artide were a contempt of court as they rended to interfere with the administration of justice. It was in the interest of all the

parties that the sale of the Cerro Colorado by the Admiralty Mar-

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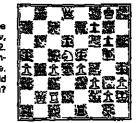
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6.00 Ceefax -53319. 6.30 Breakfast News begins with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when Laine Maker and till Eando present news and topical reports with regular cosiness, sport, weather, regional news and travel bulletins (509,45032)

9.05 Perfect Strangers American comedy series (r) (1786203) 9.30 Hot Chefs. Antony Worrall Thompson serves up marinated mesorcoms with grilled leeks and crostini, pork knuckle in stout and a terms of chocolate served with figs (s) (20574) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (4644357) 10.05 Playdays, For the very young is: (8345574) 10.25 Bananaman. Animation (f) (4514116: 10.35 Showbiz People. Tim Grundy talks to motor racing commentator Murray Walker, singer Chesney Hawkes and the interressible racing man John McCririck (7608203) 11.00 News, regional news and weather (8327425) 11.05 The Plying Doctors. Australian-based medical drama series (r). (Celefax) (s)

Doctors: -ustralian-based medical drama series (r). (Ceefax) (5) -7698593) 11.50 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. What the Strangford Lough area of Northern Ireland has to offer the holidaymaker in (1319311)

12.00 News, regional news and weather (5654222)
12.05 Cricket, Live coverage of the second day of the third Test between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Ray Illingworth, Geoffrey Boycott, Jack Bannister and Asif Igbal (s) (8416338) 12.55 Regional News and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (91135) 1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (19515154) 1.50 Wimbledon '92 introduced by Desmond Lynam. The men's singles

semi-finals are scheduled. The commentators are John Barrett, Mark Cox and Bill Threfall (17556883) 4.10 The All New Popeye Show Cartoon (r) (2123241) 4.35 The True Story Of Spit Macphee. Episode three of an eight-part children's drama set in Australia, starring John Mills (r). (Ceefax) (5283425) 5.00 Newsround (2081609) 5.05 Troublemakers. Episode five of a

six-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (5669749) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (281086). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (83). Northern Ireland: Neighbours



Seven-year itch: Terry Wogan bids farewell (7.00pm)

7.00 Wogan. Terry's seven-year tenure comes to an end withspective of the show's 1,300 transmissions (s) (9864) 8.00 Birds of a Feather. Down-to-earth comedy starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson as sisters whose husbands are serving prison sentences. With Lesley Joseph as their inquisitive neighbour, here joining the Open University (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3116) 8.30 Joker in the Pack. Marti Caine meets another collection of

members of the public eager to tell their funny stories. (Ceefax) (s) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news

9.30 Ring of Scorpio Episode three of the four-part Australian drama about three women bent on revenge over one man's betrayal. Starring Caroline Goodall, Catherine Oxenberg and Linda Cropper.

(Ceefax) (591135) 10.20 Today at Wimbledon, Harry Carpenter introduces highlights from the men's singles semi-finals. (Ceefax) (s) (922241)

11.20 Cricket. The best of the action from the second day of the third Test between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford, introduced by

11.50 Film: Cross My Heart (1987) starring Martin Short and Annette
O'Toole. Adult comedy about a couple who botch their big night out when he gives the impression that he has just been promot when he has been made redundant and she chooses not to tell him she has a seven-year-old child. Directed by Armyan Bernstein (s)

1.20 Weather (7379384)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Religion and Society in Victorian Bristol (7867715). Ends at 7.10. 8.00 Breakfast News (9643390) **8.15 Westminster** (3896319)

9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon (r) (69609)
10.00 A Day in the Life Of . . . Son Ldr Geoff Timms, the RAF's oldest operational pilot (r) (4642999)
10.05 Weekend Outlook (r) (4634970)

10.10 After Hours. American entertainment magazine (9807767) 10.25 The History Man visits Grimes Graves (r) (4645086) 10.35 Postman Pat. Children's animation (r) (7453067)

10.50 Cricket. The opening session of the second day's play in the third Test between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford (2294845)
12.00 Wimbledon '92. The men's singles semi-finals (s) (64593)
2.00 News and weather (13378816) followed by Wimbledon '92 and Cricket (87252375)

8.00 The Crescent and the Star: Fergana for God. CHOICE: The useful series about Central Asia after the collapse of the Soviet Union reaches Uzbekistan, whose Fergana valley, birthplace of Tamerlane the Great and the Emperor Babur who conquered India, is the base for a new flowering of Islam. Part history lesson, part current affairs, the film recalls how Stalin set out to obliterate centuries of Muslim culture by pulling down mosques, burning religious books and imposing atheism as the state creed. Now Islam is having its militant revenge and the Russians are leaving in their thousands, along with the Uzbek Jews. The other main legacies of independence from Moscow are the familiar ones tical turmoil and rampant inflation. Uzbekistan is not an area that has often made headlines in the West, but we could hear a lot

Gardeners' World. A visit to former actor Anthony Noel's London back garden (3593)

9.00 Bottom. More smutty humour from Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6852)



A poetic discourse on immigration: Fred D'Aguiar (9.30pm)

9.30 Words on Film: Sweet Thames

 CHOICE: Tonight's personal documentary in verse is by the poet Fred D'Aguiar and reflects on the contradictions of being black and British. It is one of the angrier films in the series and also one of the most successful attempts to match image and imagery. D'Aguiar uses as his focus the Thames and immediately he is able to find watery language (flood, swamp, drown) which perfectly echoes the debate about immigration. Swamp was Mrs Thatcher's word, while Enoch Powell's "rivers of blood" is an even bigger gift to D'Aguiar's discourse. Harold Wilson used the less inflammatory, but still watery, "mflux". In addition the Tate and Lyle sugar refinery which abuts the river gives D'Aguiar the metaphor of importing a substance in its raw state, removing the impurities and coming up with a product that is pure white. (Ceefax) (s) (42796)

10.00 Black and White in Colour: The Lenny Henry Show. A programme from the comedian's first series, shown in 1984 (11338) 10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (711357) 11.15 What the Papers Say presented by Isabel Hilton of The Independent (989406)

11.30 Scrutiny. Iain McWhirter reviews the work of parliamentary committees (73241) 12.00 Weather (3527742) 12.05am Film: The Lady from Shanghai Ginema (1987). This Brazilian

contribution to the Discovering Latin America season is a tribute to the 1940s Hollywood film noir, inspired by Orson Welles's The Lady From Shanghai. Directed by Guilherme de Almeida Prado (312758), Ends at 2.00

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5.00 TV-am (3096067) 9.25 Your Number Please. Phone-in game show with cash prizes hosted by Neil Buchanan (1715715) 9.55 Thames News (6341048)

10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a teenage girl who inherits her alien father's supernatural gifts (r) (s) (6851425) 10.25 Wowser. Animated adventures of a shaggy dog (6854512) 10.55 ITN News headlines (2202116)

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11.00 Ox Tales. Two adventures of Oille the Ox — The Grass is Always Greener and Down to Size (2212593) 11.25 Just for the Record. Record-breaking feats (r) (2215680) 11.50 Tharnes News (3431715) 11.55 Cartoon Time (8000112) 12.10 Rainbow. Series for pre-school children (r) (3039406)

12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (3213864) 1.10 Tharnes News (55872135)

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama series. (Oracle) (50711609) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a small Australian outback town (s) (99147609)

2.20 Highway to Heaven. Part one of a two-part story in which

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3.15 ITN News headlines (4437970) 3.20 Thames News headlines (4434883) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Drama series set in a large Australian city hospital (7820777)
3.55 The Gingerbread Man. Animation based on a musical play by nd Wood. (Orade) (s) (1571319) 4.05 The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin. The first of a new series about the adventurous bear (6578048) 4.30 Exam Conditions. Comedy starring Paul Reynolds and Brian Blessed (26) 5.00 Cartoon Time (r) (9038970)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Orade) (4419406) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (445357) 5.55 Six O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough, Joanna Sheldon and

Jeni Barnett (271406) 6.55 The Day. Twenty-four hours in the life of a partially-sighted boy



House guests: David Frost and Loyd Grossman (7.00pm)

7.00 Through the Keyhole. Another chance to glimpse the lifestyles of the nch and famous. With David Frost and Loyd Grossman. The guests are Chris Tarrant, Lisa Aziz and Alan Titchmarsh (s) (2864) Coronation Street. (Oracle) (35)

8.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! (1980) starring Jason Robards, Richard Jordan and Alec Guinness. Tedious version of the best-seller about the attempts to salvage the sunken liner. Described by some as a disaster of the same magnitude as the original sinking. Directed by Jerry Jameson. (Oracle) (4796)

10.00 News at Ten. Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart are the newscasters on this 25th anniversary of the first News at Ten which was read by Andrew Gardner and Alastair Burnet. (Oracle) Weather (655067) 10.35 LWT News and weather (640970) 10.40 Film: Yanks (1979). John Schlesinger's warm-hearted study of

romantic attachments between American troops and local women in wartime Lancashire. With Vanessa Redgrave, Richard Gere and Lisa Eichhorn and a screenplay by Colin Welland (73636970)

1.10 Rescue 911. More stones of real-life heroics involving the United

States emergency services (7980443)
2.10 American Gladiators. Tests of strength and ingenuity (s) (5542742) 3.05 CinemAttractions. Charlie Tuna with the latest movie news from

America (19268723)

3.35 Raw Power. Rock videos (s) (2958487) 1.35 Burke's Law: Who Killed Billy Jo? (b/w). Gene Barry stars as the well-heeled Beverly Hills cop in this vintage detective series. Also in

this episode are Howard Duff, Phil Harris, Ida Lupino and Cesar Romero (8801452) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (84181). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily (309-1609) 9.25 Elly and Jools. Adventures of schoolboy with a girl ghost of a

Inend (n) (1713357)

9.55 The Henderson Kids. Australian family drama series (n) (2071680).

10.20 Film: Bank Holiday (1938, bilw).

© CHOICE: Outside the correcties of George Formby and Gracie Fields the British chemia of the 1930s rarely got hear to the line of ordinary people and when it did so the result was often gliu and patronising. Bank Holiday was an exception, a furny, affectionate and well-observed study of a group of characters on a bank holiday trip to Brighton. Nurse Margaret Lockwood is down for an affair with Hugh Williams but cannot forget John Loder, whose write has died in childbirth. Wally Patch and Kattleen Harrison feature as a cockney couple with their unruly children and Rene Ray plays a died in childbirth. Wally Patch and Kathleen Harrison feature as a cockney couple with their unruly children and Rene Ray plays a south London beauty queen. The film helped to make a star of Lockwood, who rarely surpassed her fresh and attractive performance, and was an early success for the director Carol Reed, of The Third Man and Odd Man Cut (75912357)

12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (98757)

12.30 Noah's Ark. A look at one of the birdlife of the Manu National Park in the equatorial cain finests (n) (57628)

Park in the equatorial rain forests (r) (57628)

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1.00 Sesame Street: Pré-school learning series (r) (45.833;
2.00 I Love Lucy (bAv.). Virnage domestic correcty (66.370661)
2.25 Channel 4 Racking from Sandown Park. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.45 and 4.15 races (37425406;
4.30 Countdown: Words and numbers game (s) (48)
5.00 Secret History: Deep Sleep. A documentary investigating the controversial "deep sleep" therapy (r). (Teletext) (9777)
6.00 Blossom. Correcty series starting Mayori Bialik as a tecnage sall living in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) (41)
6.30 Happy Days. Nostalgic high school correcty series set in 1950s. 6.30 Happy Days. Nostalgic high school comedy series set in 1950s. Milwaukee. (Teletext) (93)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shahnaz Pakravan (Teletext)
Weather (805067)

7.50 First Reaction. Edward Pearce on Lady Thatcher's Salute to

Democracy (738131) 8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (9154)
8.30 The Music Game. Tony Slattery presides over the all-tastes music quiz. Tonight's panel is Lucie Skeaping, Reg Presley and Kate

Copstick (s) (8661) 9.00 Cheers. Comedy series about the patrons and staff of a popular Boston watering hole (r) (Teletext) (5680)

9.30 Garden Club. The last programme of the series comes from Leicester where Roy Lancaster and Matthew Biggs look at some gardens within a garden, unusual herbs and a school's roof garden (Teletext) (37864)

10.00 Roseanne. Blue-collar comedy starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (48226)



Sketchy humour: Norman Pace and Gareth Hale (10.30pm)

10.30 Hale & Pace. The first of a series of comedy sketches first seen on 11.00 A Stab in the Dark. A sideways look at the week's news by David

Baddiel, Michael Gove and Tracey Macleod (s) (7425) 11.30 Film: The Reckless Moment (1949, b/w)

 CHOICE: Max Ophuls was one of the cinema's supreme stylists. with a flair for lifting the most banal material. In the hands of another director The Reckless Moment might have been just another melodrama. Ophuls made it special. It is a tale of crime and blackmail, with Joan Bennett as a well-heeled housewife whose equilibrium is shattered when her daughter (Geraldine Brooks) starts an affair with an older man. After a fight the man is accidentally killed and as Bennett tries to cover up the death she exposes herself to a blackmailer, played by James Mason. The Mason-Bennett relationship, which becomes central to the film, is explored with depth and sympathy and Ophuls, helped by his carrieraman Burnett Guffey, enhances the story with careful use of the Californian small-town locations (22390)

1.00am Twilight Zone: The Trouble with Templeton (h/w). A tale of the supernatural, starring Brian Aheme (68704). Ends at 1.30

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satelli 6.00am The DJ kar Show (92859970) 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot (8524957) 8.55 Playabout (7355319) 9.10 Cartoons (1266222) 9.30 The Pyramid Game 191086) 10.00 Let's Make a Deal (19057) 10.30 The Bold and the Make a Deal (19067) 10.30 The Bold and the Beauthul (4539) 11.00 The Young and the Recitess (37951) 12.00 St Elsewhere (81609) 1.00gm E Street (48067) 1.30 Geraldo (79777) 2.30 Another World (3668574) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (147785) 3.45 The DI Kat Show (5524883) 5.00 Facts of Life (7574) 5.30 Diffrent Stokes (8191) 6.00 Love at First Sight (8332) 6.30 E Street (2512) 7.00 Att (7338) 7.30 Candid Camera (8796) 8.00 The Flash (31628) 9.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling (11864) 10.00 Studs (60628) 10.30 Film The Fuller Bees (1974) starming Glona Swarson and Kate Lackson starring Glona Swanson and Kate lackson (81067) 12.30am Pages from Skylext

SKY NEWS ● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites America (5039) 1.30 Parliament (53512) 6.30 Newsline (60222) 8.30 Newsline (77639) 10.30 Memories 1970-1991 (36661) 11.00 Dayline (89777) 11.30 Japan Busness Today (3745574) 11.45 International Business Today (3745574) 11.45 International Business Report (4167222) 12.30pm Good Morning America (77319) 2.30 Parliament (53244) 3.30 The Lords (10512) 4.30 Memories 1970-1991 (5609) 5.00 Live at Five (63512) 6.30 Newsline (60222) 8.30 Memories 1970-1991 (19086) 10.30 Newsline (39116) 11.30 ABC News (31086) 12.30aem Newsline (70636) 1.30 ABC News (43891) 2.30 Travel Destinators (41094) 3.30 ABC News (53839) 4.30 Those Were The Days (73520) 5.30 Newsline (77297) 6.00am Sunnse (6450574) 9.30 Nightline

SKY MOVIES+

Via the Astra and Marcopolo setallites
 6.00am Showcase (3910241)

SKY SPORTS

12.00 My Dad Can't Be Crazy - Can He? 12.00 My Dad Can't Be Crazy — Can He? (1989): Family drama (76777) 1.00pm Never Say Goodbye (1987): A gri fights to save her grandmother (85425) 2.00 That Touch of Milht (1962): Comedy staming Cary Grant and Dors Day (16113) 4.00 Friendship in Vienna (1988): Drama set in Nazi-occupied Austria (4241) 6.00 Eyes of a Witness (63475777) 8.00 Die Hard 2 (1990): Bruce Willis wages a one-man war against terrorists (76816593) 40.30 Pland Ress (1990): Purce National State (1990): Purc

8.00 Die Hart 2 (1959) bluck ville 1959 a one-man wer aganst terrorists (76816593) 10.20 Bänd Fury (1989): Rutger Hauer as a bänd samurai (8061661) 11.50 Assault of the Killer Bimbos (1988): Comedy about three women (305135) 1.15am Foroad Vengeance (1982): Chuck 1.15am Forcid vengeance (1982): Chuck Norrs fights crime (3.72346) 2.50 Penn and Taller Get Killed (1990). The comic duo run for their lives (5.507926) 4.20 Nowhere to Hide (1987): Amy Madigan investigates a helicopter crash (264051). Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.15am Seven Sinners (1940, b/w): Love story starring Martene Dietrich (892845) 8.15 Lensman — The Power of the Lens Science-fiction cartoon (990951) 10.15 Last of the Red Hot Lovers (1972): Alan Arkon plays a casanova (910/15) 12.15pm Colombo: Murder of a Rock Star (1991): Starming Peter Falk (272067) 2.15 Three Hats for Lisa (1965) Musical comedy starting Joe Brown (252203) 4.15 A Billion for Boris (1984) A television three conference on whitein (171909) Shows programmes in advance (171999) 6.15 Mrs. Lambert Remembers Love (1991) Ellen Bursyn endeavours to care for her grandson (151135) 8.15 The Maid Martin Sheen walls on

8.15 The Maid: Martin Sheen wals on Jacqueine Bisset (717:33749) 9.55 The Heist (1989) Pierce Brosnan averages his imprisonment (510:406) 11.40 Friday the 13th Part IV — The Final Chapter (1984) (126561) 1.15am Children of Sanchez (1979): Anthony Qunn as a carng father (138177) 3.15 Eat a Bowl of Tea (1989) Cornedy drama (52034655). Ends at 6.00 THE COMEDY CHANNEL

Behedere (6512) 6.30 Three's Company (7864) 7.00 Designing Women (2680) 7.30 McHale's Navy (3048) 8.00 Ann Islian (8628) 8.30 Babes (7135) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (69951) 9.30 Mr Behedere (56048) 10.00 Ficks in the Hall (18390) 10.30 McHale's Navy (34338)

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• Via the Astra satellite
8.00am Trans World Sport (98222) 9.00
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(90796) 11.00 Motor Cycling (62661) 12.00
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(33970) 8.30 Eurosport News (7593) 9.00
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10.00am Getting Fit (33661) 10.30 Jokes
Wild (9942796) 10.55 Search For Tomorrow
(9950715) 11.25 Joan Rivers Show
(8459864) 12.10pm Sally Jessy Raphael
(7038154) 1.00 Lunchlori (71319) 1.30 Sell
—Vision (17135) 2.00 Power Hifs USA
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As London except: 10.00am-10.25 Adventures on Kythera (6851425) 1.50-3.15 Film: 13 East Street (7635628) 3.25-3.55 Film: 13 East Street (7635628) 3.25-3.55 House Style (7820777) 5.10-5.40 Nature Warch (4419406) 6.00 Home and Away (599279) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (238086) 8.00-10.00 Film: Beyond the Posedon Adventure (4796) 18.45 Wheels (526116) 11.40 Married with Children (166628) 12.10-2.10 Film Three Men and a Cradle (9580094) BORDER

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The Young Doctors (99147609) 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice (7820777) 6.00 HTV News (99) 6.30-7.00 Let's Go (51) 10.40 Burnarg Ambrton (768574) 11.10 The K & A (719574) 11.40 Festivals of the World (166628) 12.10 Married...with Children (1490391) 12.40-1.10 Sledge Hammer! (9457487)

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9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue

not just a road but an approach to a different life, and farewell to Harry

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes

(FM only) with The Early Breaklast Show 6,00

Mark Goodier 9,00 Simon Bates 12.30pm

Newsbeat 12.45 Jaldr Brambles 3,00 Steve Winght in the Afternoon 6,00 Neale James's

Mega Hits 6,30 News '92 7,00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 9,00 Enday Rod' Show 11,00

John Peel (FM only after 12,00) 2,00-4,00am Lynn Parsons (FM only)

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News

7.00 Morning Concert: Lord Berners (Fantaisse Espagnole: Royal Liverpool Philhamonic Orchestra under Barry
Wordsworth); Verdi (Ballet
music, Macbeth: Bologna
Teatro Comunale Orchestra
under Riccardo Chailly); Litolff
Schoens, Comental Scherzo, Concerto symphonique, Op 102: Philharmonia Orchestra under Neulle Marriner, with Misha

Dichter, piano) 7.30 News

8.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Strauss (Waltz Sequence No 1,
Der Rosenkavalier. Scottish
National Orchestra under
Neeme Järvi); Chabrier (Danse
Slaus Le cei malori bii Slave, Le roi malgré lui. Toulouse Capitole Orchestra under Michel Plasson); Handel (Tomamı a vagheggiar, Alcina: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner, with Kathleen Battle piano); Stravinsky (Symphony in three movements: Suisse Romande Orchestra under Charles Dutort)

8.35 Composers of the Week:
Mussorasky Forgotten (Bor Christoff, bass, Alexandre Labrasky, piano); Song of Mephistopheles (French National Radio Orchestra Theatres under V. Esipov, with /. Temichev, bass, A. Mischevsky, tenor, V. Matonin, bass); Songs and Dances of Death (Boris Christoff, bass, Alexandre

Labinsky, piano) 9.35 Beethoven and Schubert: In the second of two programmes, Krzysztof Smietana, violin, John Blakely, piano, perform Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 12 No 2); Schubert (Sonatina in A minor, D 385)

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10.15 Brahms, Dwořák and Schumann: BBC Concert Orchestra under Jiri Starek, with Vanessa Latarche, piano, performs Brahms (Tragic Overture, Op 81); Dwořák (Slavonic Dance in A flat, Op 72 No 8); Schumann (Introduction and Allegro appassionato)

third Test from Old Trafford.

1.05pm News. 1.10 Call the Commentators: 071-580 4444. (Lines open from 11am). 1.30 County Scoreboard. 1.40 Commentary 3.45 Minor Counties Review, with Ralph Dellor. 4.00 Commentary and close of play summary. (If play finishes early, Radio 3 will revert to a music schedule)

6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on records 7.40 News 7.45 Lichfield Festival: Live from Lichfield Cathedral, the BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes performs Walton (Overture, Scapino); Prokofiev

Downes performs Walton (Overture, Scapino); Prokofiev (Phano Concerto No 3: Robert Taub). 8.30 A Self-Made Musician. Meirion Hughes discusses the cultivation of patrons, including King Edward VII, to whose memory Eigar's Second Symphony was dedicated. 8.50 Eigar (Symphony No 2 in E flat) 9.50 The Collected Poets: The second of two programmes in

Office Collected Poets: The second of two programmes in which Kate Flimt recalls past Poets of the Month. Including interviews and poems from Ted Hughes, Seamus Heaney, Charles Tomkinson, Peter Porter, Wendy Cope, Tom Paulin and Charles Causley 10.35 Manchester Summer Recital 1992: Joachim Piano Trio plays John Ireland (Phantasie Trio); Suk (Elegre, Op 23); Mendelssohn (Trio No 2 in C

11.30 News 11.35 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Bruch (Concerto for two pianos and orchestra, Op 88a; String Quintet in A

osa, suring culmet in A minor, 1918, Songs, Op 97 — excepts) (r) 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

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Starts: 6.00am Channel Four Daily (3094609) 9.25 Ety and Jook (1713357) 9.55 Star Test (2971680) 10.20 Film. Bank Hobday (75912357) 12.00 The Parkament Programme (98767) 12.30 News (79481845) 12.35 Stor Methun (7210357) 1.00 Fitzen to One (9256845) 14.40 Journey and History (46605086) 1.55 Sign On (99137222) 2.25 Raong (37425406) 4.30 Fitsper (48) 5.00 My Two Dads (3970) 5.30 Streetwise (28) 6.00 Brookside (41) 6.30 Fal Man in Argentina (655999) 7.05 News (302864) 7.15 Hero (980222) 8.00 Resin (9154) 8.30 News (516425) 8.55 Codi Cwestiwn (780970) 9.45 Stort and Curbes (909154) 10.00 Roseanne (48226) 10.30 Hale and Pace (15154) 11.00 A Stab in the Dark (7425) 11.30 Film: The Reckless Moment (22390) 1.00 Twilight Zone (7425) 11.30 Film: The R ent (22390) 1.00 Twilight Zone

appassionato) 10.55 Test Match Special: England v Pakistan Commentary on the second day's play of the third Test from Old Trafford.

Thompson's funny and touching series that has turned back the clock to a time when the motor-car's intimacy was God's gift to intimacy was God's gift to courting couples and poets (John Betjeman's Miss J. Hurster Dunn), when some women were so hypnotised by a clavon horn's blast that they were flattened by the car out of whose path they could not move, and when motorsts did not use road maps. They simply drove from pub to pub 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible: Romans (4 of 6) 10.30 Woman's Hour discusses the role of museums and talks to Lady Victoria Leatham. Incl 11.30 Naws 11.30 Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm 12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard Tourse.

12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper 12.55

Weather . 1.00 The World at One, with Susannah Simons 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: Still Life.
Third of a four-part
dramatisation by John Harvey
of A.S. Byatt's novels The
Virgin in the Garden and Still
Life (s) (r)

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RADIO 4

3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde
considers the writing talent of
the poet, biographer and
novelst Muriel Spark; Nigel
Williams talks about his new
comic novel, They Came from
SW19; and Kate Figes picks
the best of this summer's
paperbacks (s)
4.00 News (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day with the Rev Robert Paterson 6.30 Today, ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News

paperbacks (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope visits the Royal
Academy's retrospective of the
impressionist painter Alfred
Sidey, talks to Pete Davies
about his novel Storm
Country, and meets the
conductor Richard Hickox (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Passport
Offices, by James Thurlby,
Read by Paul Daneman (n)
5.00 PM with Eddle Meir and Frank
Particidge 5.50 Shipping
Foreast 5.55 Weathr
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. Janet Trewin
presents the transport
magazine 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's Castaway is the fashion designer Vivienne Westwood (\$) (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley 10.00-10.30 News: Hullo Motor Folia! (FM only)

● CHOICE: A sed double leave-taking today — farewell to the carefree motoring days of the 1920s when a road was not ust a road but an

nagazine 7.00 News 7.05 The Archer 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.05 Pick of the Week (FM only), with Dilly Barlow
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Durbleby is joned in South Ascot, Berkshire, by Bryan Gould, shadow environment secretary. Si sumon Hombis

secretary; Sir Simon Homby, chairman of W H Smith; Peter Olarman or wer smort reter Lifley, social security secretary, and Judy Weleminsky, director, National Council for Voluntary Organisations 8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berins
9.15 Kaleldoscope (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alstair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime. The Way of All Flesh, by Samuel Butter. Richard Leech reads the fifth of 15 parts.
11.90 Week Ending: A satirical (enew of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week, with leaster Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 m. Naws, and 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (UM only)